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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

HEAVY GERMAN LOSSES.

ALLIES STRIKE HARD IN BOTH THEATRES.

The American Note.

REPLIES FROM BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

The Indian Situation.

The General Officer Commanding in Hongkong has received the following telegram:—

Delhi, Feb. 18, 4.10 p.m.
No change in the situation, which remains generally satisfactory. All is quiet on the frontier.

Chief General Staff, Delhi.

Splendid Work by Allies.

(Official Telegram from the French Government, via Peking).

Feb. 18.
A small French aeroplane very effectively bombarded a German aviation park at Ghisteltes, while a small British squadron bombarded Ostend.

South of Ypres, the British troops carried numerous German trenches after a fierce struggle lasting two days.

The French artillery obtained a very effective and accurate range near Bully against German convoys and concentrations.

Near Louvain, in Luxembourg wood (about 11 kilometres north-west of Rheims) we took numerous prisoners and one machine gun. Between Perthes and Beausejour, we carried about three kilometres of German trenches, taking several hundred prisoners, including five officers. During the night we repulsed ten counter-attacks.

In Argonne, we destroyed a blockhouse and also a hundred metres of trenches. German attacks delivered by three battalions against Four de Paris and Hill 203 were totally repulsed. We took numerous prisoners and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

We carried a hundred metres of trenches at Malancourt wood, as well as several of the enemy's blockhouses in Le Pretre wood.

Contrary to the German communications, not a single trench has been lost at Sutel farm, where we took a "minen-worfer," machine guns and 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

Zeppelin Burned.

Feb. 18, 1.45 a.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen states that two Zeppelins passed westward to France in the morning. Coming north the first Zeppelin returned at one o'clock and the second at five. The latter descended on the beach at Fance Island (Denmark) on fire. The crew of fourteen were captured and will be interned.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

Dutch Steamer Followed.

An Amsterdam despatch states that the Dutch steamer Helena has arrived at Rotterdam and reports that she was followed for some distance by a Zeppelin, which disappeared after flag-wagging.

Freiburg Bombarded.

Feb. 18, 1.45 a.m.

Last evening's Paris communique states: Our aeroplanes have bombarded Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

Greece and Turkey.

Feb. 18, 1.20 p.m.

Reuter is informed that the Director-General of Police in Constantinople has formally expressed regret for the Turkish insult to the Greek naval attaché and has promised to issue a communique to that effect. The incident is thus regarded as closed.

British Aircraft Unharmed.

Feb. 17, 5.10 p.m.

A Paris communique states that, despite an intense cannonade, all the French and British aircraft which were engaged in attacking Ghisteltes and Ostend have returned unharmed.

British War Honours.

Feb. 17, 7.25 p.m.

The Gazette issued to night consists of twenty-seven pages containing Field-Marshal Sir John French's recommendations for distinguished service on the battlefield. The list includes all ranks of all arms; also naval transport men, naval airmen, the Indian Army and Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nurses. Altogether there are about three thousand names.

Gallant Leicesters.

Feb. 17, 7.55 p.m.

In an Order of the Day His Majesty expresses his appreciation of the services of the 2nd Bn. Leicester Regiment. Field-Marshal Sir John French recently addressed them and paid a tribute to their gallantry.

British Prisoners in Germany.

Feb. 17, 7.55 p.m.

In the House of Commons at question time, the Hon. Neil Primrose announced that Great Britain had made strong representations to the United States regarding the treatment of British prisoners in Germany and calling attention to the provisions of the Hague Convention on that point.

Small French Steamer Sunk.

Feb. 17, 7.55 p.m.

An official message from Paris states that the German submarine U 18 sank the French steamer Ville de Lille, between Cherbourg and Dunkirk, after allowing the crew to take to their boats.

[The Ville de Lille was an iron screw vessel of 997 tons built in 1877, at Antwerp, for the Cie. des Bateaux a Vapeur du Nord.]

Belgian Artillery Does Fine Work.

Feb. 17, 5.10 p.m.

The Belgian artillery has been successful against German concentrations and shelters. We repulsed German counter-attacks made at night time in Champagne. There has been activity in Argonne. We destroyed a blockhouse at Fontaine-aux-Charmes and also one hundred metres of trenches. Three German battalions attacked most violently between Four de Paris and Hill No. 262, to the westward of Bourouilles, but we completely repulsed the enemy, inflicting heavy losses and capturing prisoners. We carried at Bois-de-Malancourt one hundred metres of the enemy's trenches.

Bravo, Mercantile Marine!

Feb. 18, 9.50 a.m.

The Liverpool Mercantile Marine Association, in a letter to Mr. Choroehill, and to Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, declares that broadcast enquiries of ship masters and officers reveal the invincible spirit of British seamen. There is no shrinking because of the German threat, their only regret being that they are unable to retaliate.

The letter suggests that mercantile shipmasters be granted unpaid and temporary commissions in the Royal Naval Reserve and payment of a war bonus to ship masters and officers should be made by ship owners. Enquiry of the principal lines has elicited replies that sailings will be made as usual, as there is nothing to be feared.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

More Russian Successes.

Feb. 18, 3.35 a.m.

A Petrograd communique states that fighting on the right bank of the Vistula continues in practically the same regions and is very desperate in some sectors. There is no change on the left bank of the Vistula.

We repulsed an attack on the front from Khava to Vykorotich, in Galicia, inflicting heavy loss. We captured 1,410 prisoners and repulsed an attack further east.

The Germans delivered a series of sustained and impetuous attacks between Koziomoka and the Wyszchoff Pass and all were repulsed with heavy losses. Almost a whole battalion were bayoneted and the survivors captured. In Bukovina the situation remains unchanged.

Allies' Steady Progress.

Feb. 18, 1.45 a.m.

Last evening's communique states that, between the sea and the Oise, our artillery dispersed numerous bodies of troops and destroyed convoys and caissons. We carried two lines of trenches north of Arras, repulsed violent counter-attacks, took prisoners and inflicted heavy loss upon the enemy. Many German officers were killed. The progress made on the 16th inst. in the Rheims sector, near Louve, has been maintained and consolidated. In Champagne we continued to make gains and north-west of Perthes we captured the enemy's positions along a front of eight hundred yards.

All the German counter-attacks north of Meul-las-Harlez and Beausejour, were repulsed. In Argonne we advanced and at Bois-de-la-Gravie we maintained our position, notwithstanding two violent counter-attacks and very hot bayonet encounters which cost the enemy dear. A strong German attack at Four de Paris was repulsed, and between Argonne and the Meuse we advanced at various points.

In Alsace we have seized the heights dominating Sudelle farm.

Sir Edward Grey's Reply to America.

Feb. 17, 9.55 p.m.

Sir Edward Grey's final reply to the American Note of December 28 has been published. It elaborates the arguments advanced in the preliminary reply and emphasises the fact that the distinction between foodstuffs destined for a civilian population and those for armed forces disappears when the distinction between the civil population and armed forces disappears, as in the case of Germany. However, much is imported for civil use, it is by the military that it will be consumed if military exigencies require it, and especially so now, that the German Government has assumed control of all foodstuffs.

The reply concludes: While Great Britain will endeavour to avoid injury to neutrals, Germany's intention to sink merchantmen and cargoes, without verifying their nationality or character or providing for the safety of the crews, makes it necessary for the Government to consider measures to protect its interests. It is impossible for one belligerent to depart from the rules and precedents of warfare and the other to remain bound thereby.

[The full text of Sir Edward Grey's preliminary reply appears elsewhere.]

The Culminating Point of German Hypocrisy.

Feb. 18, 7.40 a.m.

The German reply to the American Note declares that Great Britain's violations of naval international law, including her inhuman attempt to starve the civilised German people into submission and neutrals' acquiescence in such violations, especially the unhindered traffic in arms by American firms to Germany's enemies, have forced Germany, after six months' patient waiting, into reprisals. Germany trusts that neutrals will be equally tolerant to her as they have been to the British hunger-war, even though her measures should involve such new terrors of naval warfare as minelaying and submarines. Neutrals have been given an ample time limit to avoid the war zone; if they enter it they will be solely responsible for unfortunate accidents.

The reply recommends that United States warships should convoy American merchantmen, and hopes that the American Government, after further consideration of the traffic in arms, will come to a conclusion corresponding with a spirit of real neutrality. Germany, it says, will be most grateful if the United States can find a way of enabling Germany to import the necessities of life.

(Official Telegram from the British Foreign Office.)

The British Aerial Raid.

Feb. 16.

The Admiralty announces that the air operations of the Naval Wing against Bruges, Ostend, and Zeebrugge district have been continued this afternoon. Forty aeroplanes and seaplanes bombarded Ostend, Middlekerke, Ghisteltes and Zeebrugge.

Bombs were dropped on heavy batteries situated on the east and west sides of Ostend harbour, on gun positions at Middlekerke, on transport wagons on the Ostend-Ghisteltes road, on the mole at Zeebrugge, on barges outside Blankenberg and on trawlers outside Zeebrugge.

Eight French aeroplanes assisted the naval machines by making vigorous attacks on Ghisteltes aerodrome, thus effectively preventing German aircraft from cutting off our machines. It is reported that good results were obtained.

Instructions are always issued to confine attacks to points of military importance, and every effort is made by firing officers to avoid dropping bombs on any residential portion of towns.

TELEGRAMS.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED

French aeroplanes have bombarded Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

Many German officers were killed in an engagement north of Arras.

His Majesty the King has expressed his appreciation of the services of the 2nd Leicesters.

It is officially announced that German submarine U-18 has sunk the French steamer Ville de Lille.

The main features of the British and German replies to the American Note are given to-day.

The French and British aircraft which attacked Ghisteltes and Ostend returned unharmed.

Three German battalions most violently attacked to the west of Bourouilles, but were completely repulsed, suffering heavy losses.

In Galicia the Russians have repulsed an attack, inflicting heavy losses and capturing 1,410 prisoners.

The Porte having expressed regret at the recent attack on a Greek naval attaché, the incident is now regarded as closed.

A Zeppelin has descended on the beach at Fance, where the crew of fourteen have been interned.

Britain has made strong representations to the United States regarding the treatment of British prisoners in Germany.

NEWS.

Further Notes on the Crisis appear on page 4.

"Our Contemporaries" appears on page 2, Commercial News on page 9 and Log Book on page 6.

General news and an article headed "With the Red Cross" appear on page 3.

The report of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Company appears to-day.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Italian Grand Opera Co.—Theatre Royal.

TO-MORROW.

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Italian Grand Opera Co.—Theatre Royal.

Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—Annual meeting—11.30 a.m.

Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—City Hall—noon.

Smoking Concert, Phoenix Club.

R. H. K. Yacht Club, Championship Races.

Monday, February 22.

H. K. Jockey Club Race meeting.

Tuesday, February 23.

H. K. Jockey Club Race Meeting.

Wednesday, February 24.

H. K. Jockey Club Race Meeting.

Friday, February 26.

The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.—Meeting—11.30 a.m.

Saturday, February 27.

Concert in aid of Allied Forces Tobacco Fund—Theatre Royal—9 p.m.

Thursday, March 5.

Hongkong Horticultural Society's Annual Show—Botanic Gardens.

Friday, March 6.

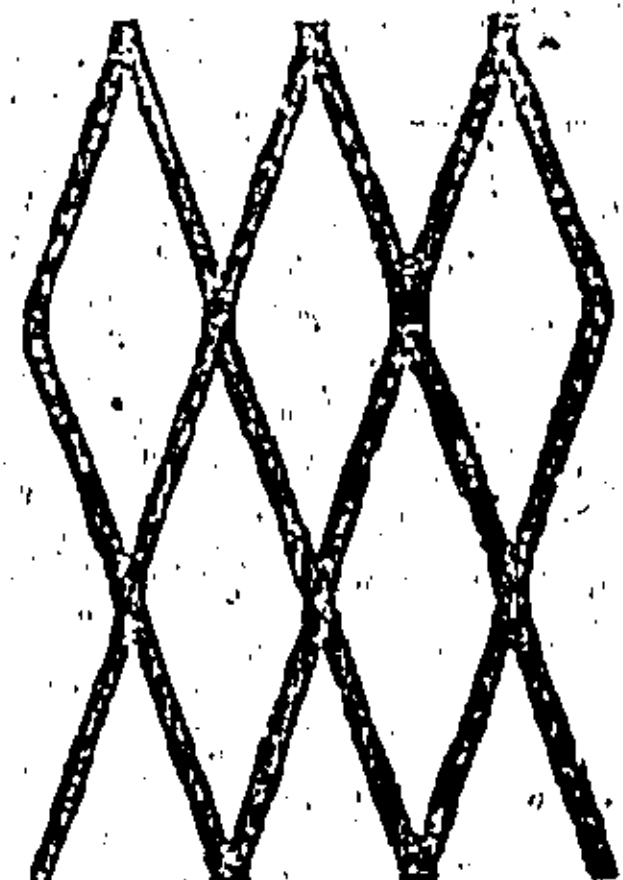
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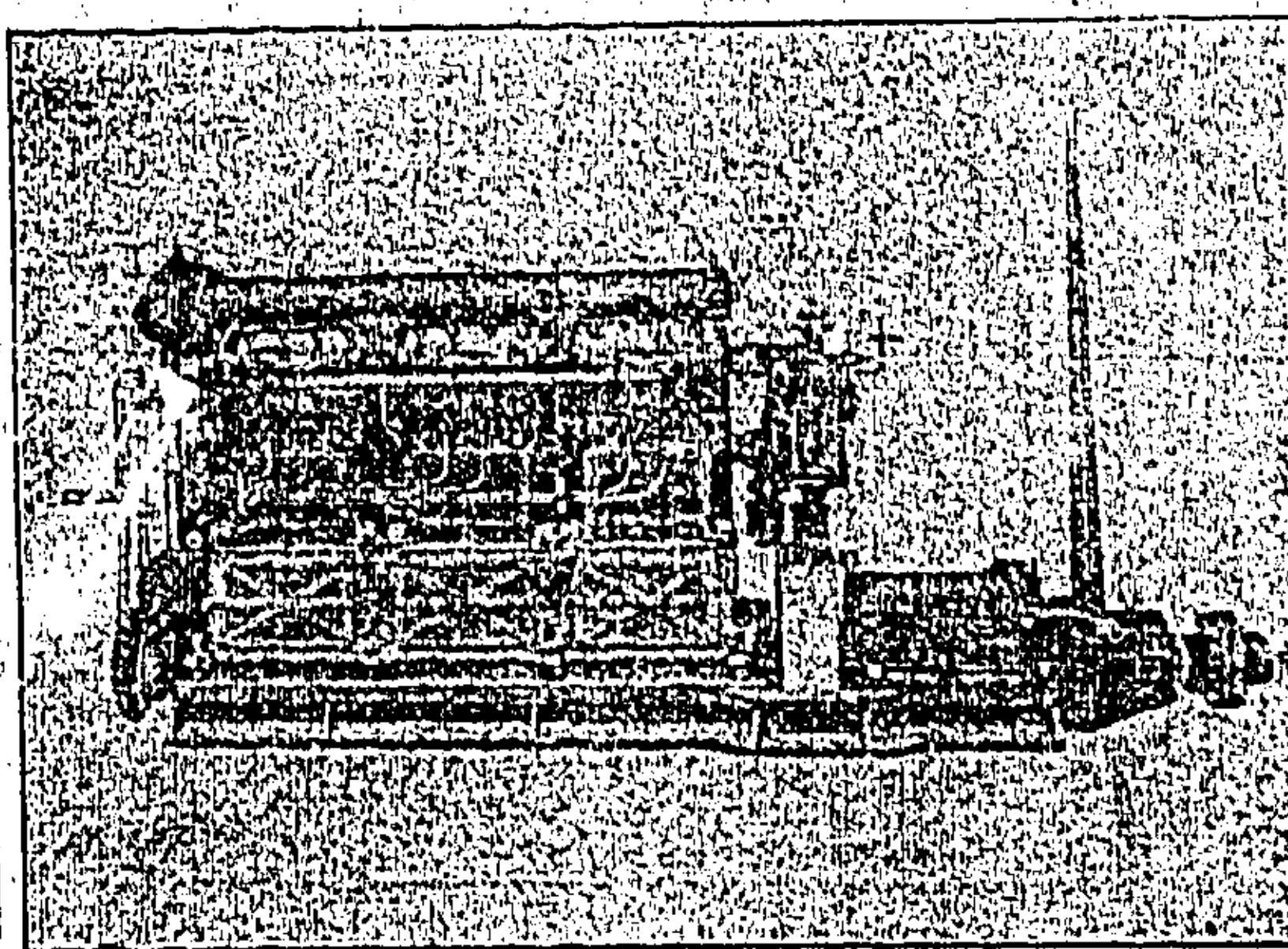
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blow to the Russian forces near
Augustovo, he is entitled to a
good deal of credit, and a whole
string of Iron Crosses which the
Kaiser will readily mete to him,
but it by no means prevents the
inevitable march forward of the
legions of the Czar. The inex-
haustible forces of Russia, once
concentrated, must sweep aside
the minions of the German war
lord, for the track to Berlin will
be trodden though it be a long
and ghastly one. Since the forego-
ing was written a Petrograd com-
munique has come to hand and
it is most significant that not a
word appears therein as to the
huge victory so glibly claimed by
the Germans. Considering that
the Russians did not withhold
from the world the fact of their
retirement a certain amount of
doubt now attaches to the alleged
German victory.

Daily Press.

Japan and China.
The only general conclusion
which it is possible to derive
from the available information is
that Japan finds the present a
suitable opportunity to extend,
by diplomatic means, her econ-
omic and political interests in
China; and is able to count upon
the readiness of Great Britain,
France and Russia to acquiesce
in this as a *quid pro quo* for
valuable services rendered
to the Allies in capturing Ger-
many's Eastern base and assisting
to clear the Eastern seas of enemy
ships. Germany at present is
not a Power that counts at Peking,
and if Japan is able to satisfy the
United States, as she has ap-
parently satisfied the other Powers,
that the privileges she is seeking
are not incompatible with the
maintenance of the Policy which
was designed by the United
States Government to ensure the
integrity of China, and the main-
tenance of the "open door" with
equal opportunity for the trade
of all countries, she will not have
much difficulty in obtaining the
consent of the Government of
China.

China Mail.

The Field Marshal's Despatch.
"The Indian troops," says Sir
John French, "fought with the
utmost steadfastness and gallantry
whenever called upon." It is
thus apparent that the high hopes
entertained have been and are
being amply realized. It is like-
wise very satisfactory to read that
the general health of troops is
"excellent" and that the appear-
ance of the men, if somewhat
war-worn, is nevertheless
"soldier-like and splendid." Such
praise from so distinguished a
veteran as our gallant
Field-Marshal is very gratify-
ing indeed. Particular men-
tion, it will be noted, is made of
the fine appearance of the 27th
and 28th Battalions from India,
which includes Princess Patricia's
Regiment of Canadians and the
work of the Royal Army Medical
Corps while the Royal Engineers
is also highly commended.

On the whole, the despatch
conveys the impression of excel-
lent work done by the Allies' troops at the front and is an
indication that though the process
of vanquishing the enemy is
necessarily slow it is being done
gradually and effectually.

Japanese Nurses in England.
The *Nichi Nichi* publishes a
London telegram stating that the
party of Japanese Red Cross
nurses, which arrived in England
recently, was, on the 29th ultimo,
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ernment when Queen Alexandra
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GENERAL NEWS.

Empress Disaster Recalled.
A Yokohama resident has just received from relatives in Liverpool (England) a letter which he sent from Yokohama early in May last, and which went down in the O.P.R. Empress of Ireland, which foundered in the St. Lawrence river on May 29 last, after a collision with the Norwegian collier Storöf.

Rockefeller Foundation and Carnegie Endowment.
New York, January 11.—The Federal commission on industrial relations will begin Monday next to investigate the Rockefeller Foundation, Carnegie Endowment and other large public foundations of anti-trust nature. The hearing will be held in the council chamber of the city hall. More than fifty witnesses either are under subpoena or have expressed their willingness to appear. Those include Messrs. John D. Rockefeller Jr., J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, George F. Baker, Henry Ford and others of prominence. Japanese Army Officer's Suicide.

A Japanese army paymaster, attached to the Kurume Division, committed suicide with a sword at his residence recently. It is reported that he had been greatly worried by the loss of important documents. On making known his intention to kill himself his wife crept into his room and, after a military court, but after discussing the matter with his householder he suddenly placed his throat with a sword. His wife became distracted and attempted to commit suicide with the same weapon, but was dissuaded by the piteous appeal of her child.

Shensi Oil-Fields.
The Jiji publishes a Peking telegram, dated the 1st instant, to the effect that the work of installing plant in the oil-fields in Shensi Province, China, has already been commenced under the direction of the Standard Oil Company of New York. According to a report of an American engineer who has investigated the field, it is stated that the oil-field measures 44 miles and is 3,000 feet deep. To transport the oil, iron pipes will be laid between the district and Hankow, on the Yangtze river, a distance of 1,800 miles, the cost of the work being estimated at 20,000,000 taels. Seven or eight years hence, it is claimed, the Standard Oil Company will be able to supply oil from Shensi Province to Far Eastern markets.

North Borneo and the Belgian Relief Fund.
In acknowledgment of the sum of £225 which was remitted by the Court of Directors of the British North Borneo Company at the request of the Governor, to the Belgian Relief Fund, the Belgian Minister has asked the Court to convey to the St. Andrew's Society, Jesselton, and all those who helped them, his grateful thanks for this generous token of sympathy towards his suffering countrymen. He concludes with the assurance that Belgium will never forget the help she has received, in this sad hour of trial, from people in all parts of the world, which has greatly alleviated her distress.

Republican Attacks on President Wilson.
Washington, January 13.—In a stirring debate to-day, the Senate heard sharp Republican attacks upon President Wilson's recent Indianapolis speech, criticism of the administration's policy toward Mexico, and denunciation of Democratic legislation, followed by warm defence of the President by Democratic leaders, and a prediction of his renomination and re-election. Political discussion was precipitated over Senator Cummins' resolution requesting information from the President as to what the government proposed to do with Mexican customs collected during the American occupation of Vera Cruz. The resolution did not get to a vote. In the course of the discussion, Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi declared, with emphasis, that President Wilson would be "renominated and re-elected"; Senator Borah of Idaho was referred to as a "Republican Presidential possibility," and Senator Cummins of Iowa voiced the wish that President Wilson could be confined to the "exercising of his constitutional powers."

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Sir F. Treves' Vivid Account from the Front.

"In the main ward—a fine hall—is a little boy in a bed very much too big for him. He is a Refugee from Ypres. In one of the many attacks upon that unfortunate place, his foot was smashed by a shell, and, as a result, the limb has had to be amputated. He is doing well. What has happened to his parents is not known. He is probably alone in the world. In a basket on the floor, by the child's bed, is another refugee from Ypres—a puppy of very indefinite breed. He was probably thrown by some compassionate soul into a cart which was flying in haste from the burning town. He is little more than a round woolly ball—woolly by reason of his extreme youth, and round as the result of persistent over rationing."

"It is a curious picture: the white-washed refectory full of gravely wounded men, some still groaning with pain, some nearing death, with, high upon the wall, a kindly statue of the Virgin looking down upon the scene, and, in the centre of the room near the stove, the ridiculous puppy and the one-legged boy."

"This little scene of life in the British hospital at Furnes is one of the interesting stories told by Sir Frederick Treves in a report to the British Red Cross Society on his return from a visit to the hospital bases on the Continent. The Globe is privileged to quote from Sir Frederick's remarks."

Not the least illuminating part of the report is that which refers to the value of the motor-car in Red Cross work. Speaking of his visit to the Boulogne Station, Sir Frederick expresses the opinion that the fleet of motor-ambulances provided by the society represents the most valuable service ever rendered to the Army Medical Department in the form of voluntary aid.

"These ambulances are everywhere," he says. "The majority are working at the front in convoys of various sizes. They are perfectly organised and equipped, and are always at work. When they come down with patients they return with stores for the wounded. In the saving of life, in the lessening of suffering, and in the securing of prompt surgical treatment for the wounded, these ambulances have done a work the value of which can hardly be exaggerated."

"In Boulogne a number of our ambulances stand ready night and day for whatever transport may be required. Almost before the ambulance train from the front has pulled up at the platform our orderlies are at work. I saw a full train discharged, and can only say that I have never seen a convoy evacuated with such rapidity and precision."

Sir Frederick has something to say of the drivers of motor-cars sent to the society. One is Mr. Kennerley Ramford, another the vicar of a quiet English parish. "A despatch rider on a motor-cycle was pointed out to me," he

goes on. "He was working with distinction at the front, and had just come home. 60 miles with a despatch. He was merely a bundle of rags, splashed with mud, and I was surprised to hear that he was a much-respected Church of England curate."

Attached to the Boulogne town station is a British Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment is "curse-anced." It consists of 17 women, 10 men, and three fully-trained hospital nurses. The "curse-anced" consists of 7 railway wagons placed on a siding provided with a platform. Hot water is kept going night and day. The wounded, passing through are supplied with tea, soup, bread and butter, bacon, chocolate and cigarettes, and with other luxuries when the supplies allow. The largest number of wounded fed on one day by the corps was 2,300, while the total number ministered to in five weeks amounts to about 30,000.

"I cannot speak too highly of this station," comments Sir Frederick; and adds: "It is the very greatest boon to the poor fellows who reach the Base after a long and exhausting journey."

Referring to the efficiency of the voluntary hospitals, Sir Frederick Treves is inclined to give first place to the Duchess of Westminster's hospital at Le Touquet. He remarks that it is well found, and has gained a high reputation for good work. The Allied Forces Hospital at the Hotel Christol, Boulogne, affords evidence of careful administration, and is in all particulars well equipped. At Wimereux the best voluntary hospital is the Anglo-American, which is usually known as Lady Hadfield's Hospital. It can provide a hundred beds, and well deserves its high reputation. The so-called Quaker Hospital on the outskirts of Ypres is spoken of highly, and it is pointed out that but for its help the people from Ypres would be without medical and surgical aid. The Baltic Hospital at Calais is a good one, and is doing splendid work. Altogether, this expert survey of the hospitals at the front shows that the Allies are excellently looked after.

Sir Frederick, in dealing with Calais, says that enteric fever is apparently not increasing. It is, and are always at work. When they come down with patients they return with stores for the wounded. In the saving of life, in the lessening of suffering, and in the securing of prompt surgical treatment for the wounded, these ambulances have done a work the value of which can hardly be exaggerated.

Swedish Explorer's Return.
Copenhagen, January 12.—The famous Swedish explorer, Einar Nordenskiöld, has just returned to Christiania from his two years' expedition in unexplored South American territories on the border between Bolivia and Brazil. Among other interesting discoveries, the expedition found a new Indian tribe of cannibals. At a time when the explorer knew nothing about the war, Mr. Nordenskiöld sent to Europe a number of large boxes with valuable collections. Cases also arrived in Hamburg, but these seemed to have entirely disappeared.

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BIRTH

TAYE.—On February 5, at 213, Orchard Road, Singapore, to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Taye, a daughter.

MARRIAGE

MITCHELL—FIRTH.—On January 2, 1915, at Emmanuel Church, Dulwich, William, elder son of Adam H. Mitchell, of Upper Norwood, to Ethel Alice, second daughter of James F. Firth, of Dulwich.

DEATH

LESLIE.—W. R. Norman Leslie, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company's Singapore staff, killed in action. (By Cable).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1915.

GALLANT SERBIA.

In his great financial speech in the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George spoke of the assistance which the Allies are rendering the smaller States which have become or are likely to be involved in the war, and his reference to Serbia serves to bring to mind the gallant manner in which the spirited people of this nation, who were the first to be attacked, have been battling against a stronger and more powerful enemy. The part which Serbia has played is apt to be lost sight of in the wider issues of the war, but it deserves warm recognition all the same. The way in which Belgrade was recovered after being occupied by the Austrians showed that the Serbian soldiers were no less fiery in attack than they were patient to endure.

Little has been heard of late of Serbian activities, but it is evident that the gallant Army, which has proved a most formidable instrument even among the greatest armies of the world, is still able to hold its own. And in still keeping an organised Army in the field, with the slender resources of their own State, the Serbians are showing to the world that they are unconquerable. Mr. Lloyd George spoke of Serbia as fighting with great force, courage and brilliancy, but with no wealth, no revenue, no exports, and hardly any manufactures. And he did not twist the facts when he spoke thus. There can be no doubt that the people of this little nation are suffering a grievous lack of the necessities of life. The Serbians have been at war now almost continuously for three years. All their economic life has been dislocated, their chief markets are closed to them, and winter is adding to the suffering of the men in the field and the people alike, but, through it all, the indomitable soldiers of King Peter keep up the fight. There is thus a debt to be paid to the Serbian people, and we are glad to see that the more powerful of the Allies are coming to their aid.

It would indeed have been bitter shame if so much true heroism were allowed to spend itself in vain, and an Army which has done so nobly in the cause for which we are all fighting to come short of full triumph for lack of the material aid necessary to successful combat. It was only the duty of the bigger States to succour in the hour of distress a little people who have fairly earned the title of the bravest of the brave. And it would not be out of place, now that the nation is to be aided by stronger friends, were some of the funds subscribed to help the distressed to be placed at the disposal of the sufferers in this war-worn country.

Important Newspaper Alliance.

The French Government is nothing if not practical. Some of its members have just been instrumental in organising an agreement between press representatives of the allied countries, whereby a strict watch will be kept on the statements of so-called neutral journals. Papers of all political shades, together with the various telegraphic agencies and press bureaux are represented, and some good results may be looked for. Correctness of news will thus be guaranteed and the news itself will be more widespread. We shall all welcome any counterblast to the biased or imaginary reports with which certain "neutral" papers have sought to flood the world. The scores and "fakes" regularly published by many of these are not only a reflection on the journalistic profession, but a positive insult to the intelligence of the public at large. If the new association can offer a useful antidote to such reports, and at the same time expose such self-styled neutral journals as are under more or less direct German influence, it will deserve the hearty thanks of all lovers of the truth.

A Snatcher Dealt With.

Yesterday Mr. Wood marked his appreciation of the services rendered to the public by a snatcher, by awarding him twenty-four strokes of the birch, four hours in the stocks and twelve months' imprisonment. This, we are glad to say, is by no means the first smart sentence bestowed on pests of this description, and the result has been, as might have been foreseen, there has been a considerable diminution in the number of snatching cases during the last two or three years. Grabbing at the jewellery, hats or handbags of passers-by is still a favourite occupation in Canton, and it would not surprise us to learn that the enterprising person who was sentenced yesterday was taking a holiday down here, from the neighbouring city. Apropos, in justice to Hongkong natives, it has often seemed to us that the birthplace of every convicted Chinese should be stated in Court and published in the local papers. It is right that all of us should know how many of the hundreds of criminal cases that come before the justices in the course of a year are imported ones. Those who know the Canton best usually maintain that the Hongkong-born Chinese of every class is, in ninety-nine per cent. of cases, a respectable and entirely law-abiding member of society. That being the case, it seems rather hard that the raffish who are allowed to swarm into the Colony daily from China should not be marked off in some special way from other Chinese who are British subjects.

A Notable Clergyman.

Papers from Home announce the death, at the age of ninety, of the Rev. Richard Meux Benson, popularly known to the High Church party as Father Benson. The deceased gentleman's name was well known to a good many generations of Oxford men, for he was ordained, as long ago as 1840, and from that time onwards maintained an indirect connection with his old university. He became vicar of Cowley, near Oxford, in 1859 and there founded the Society of St. John the Evangelist—a religious Order within the Protestant Church, which has become famous for its preaching and missionary labours. He was a man of culture and of intense devotion, and naturally attracted to himself others like minded. Among his best-known followers were Dr. Hall, now Anglican Bishop of Vermont, and the late Father Matrin, who ultimately "went over." Many of the Cowley fathers have been noted scholars and orators, and their work on the Pope's mission is generally acknowledged to be the most successful ever undertaken by the Church of England. Father Benson retained his active connection with the Society almost to the last, and his influence, his learning and his unobtrusive piety will be greatly missed.

DAY BY DAY.

A MAN MAKES HIMSELF WHAT HE IS. LET HIS STATION IN LIFE BE HIGH OR LOW, BUT HE MUST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY. TENS OF THOUSANDS ARE RUINED BY CIRCUMSTANCES. THERE ARE NOT MANY SOLDIERS WHO RISE BEYOND THE RANKS.—Baldwin.

The Weather.—
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 53; clear.
At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 44; clear.

Count the Columns.—
Yesterday the *Telegraph* published 33 columns of solid reading matter. To-day there will be 32 published.

The Mails.—
Siberian Mail.—Due per a.s. Chiyun to-day.
American and Canadian Mails.—Close per a.s. S. Quoya to-morrow at 10 a.m.
Australian Mail.—Closes per a.s. Taiyuan to-morrow at 11 a.m.
Siberian Mail.—Closes to-morrow at 4 p.m. per a.s. Lungchow.

Up to the Minute.—Share Market News.

Closing prices:—
Banks.—\$810, buyers.
Cottons.—\$350, buyers.
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Steamboats.—\$22, buyers.
China Sagars.—\$108, buyers.
Luzon.—\$19, buyers.
Rubber.—\$55, sellers.
Humphreys' Estates.—\$7, sellers.
Hongkong Electric.—\$41, buyers.
Hongkong Trams.—\$5.05, buyers.

The Dollar.—
The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1s 9.3.16d.

"Rain Water."—
To-morrow, according to the Chinese Calendar, is the feast of "Yu-shia," or "Rain Water."

Company Meeting.—
The Hongkong Hotel shareholders' meeting takes place at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Auction.—
To-morrow, at 11 a.m., Mr. G. P. Lemmer is selling valuable household furniture at the School House, Kowloon.

Bank Meeting.—
Shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded that the Bank's meeting takes place to-morrow, at noon, at the City Hall.

Special Police Reserve.—
All members of the 1st British Company will attend at the Peak Range (200 yards) at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow, February 20th, for musketry practice.

Fixed for Hearing.—
The case in which Tang Ping-woon sues M. Gaston Liebert, the French Consul, for the sum of \$1,000, was fixed at the Summary Court, this morning, for hearing on Thursday next.

Bijou Theatre.—
The Bijou Theatre was well attended last night, when some excellent new pictures were shown. Another great attraction was a new Max Linder picture. To-morrow the dramatic film: "The Plotting of an Hour" will be shown for the first time.

Twelve Months' Imprisonment.—
The man charged before Sir William Rees Davies, at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, with cutting and wounding a woman with intent to rob, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. He was found guilty on the charge of cutting and wounding only.

Hongkong Consul and the Philippine Rattan Trade.—
One of the results of the European war, says the American Consul-General at Hongkong, has been an increased demand for Philippine rattan. There has been such interference with the trade routes over which the usual supply of cane from South Asia travels that American manufacturers seem to have found themselves short of supplies. Inasmuch as high grade rattan is to be found in nearly all parts of the Philippine Archipelago in large quantities, there is apparently no reason why all demands of the American market cannot be met.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

GERMANY'S REPLY.

What Will Neutrals Think of It?

The German reply to the American Note is by no means of means apologetic in character, as it was forecasted it would be. And we shall be very much surprised if it does not call forth a spirited protest from the United States. In one breath Germany asks America to show tolerance towards her, and in the next she speaks of measures which she admits will involve new terrors in naval warfare. Then she arbitrarily declares a certain area a war zone, and kindly reminds neutrals that if they enter it they will be solely responsible for "unfortunate accidents." Since we know that the Germans will not hesitate to sink a vessel flying a neutral flag, taking no pains to discover her nationality, it is the veriest of irony to speak of "accidents."

Insults and Distortions.

The concluding paragraph of the Reply is in marked contrast to the bluff and bluster and hypocrisy which characterises the document as a whole. After practically telling America that she must take her chances and herself shoulder the responsibility for whatever happens, Germany says she will be "most grateful" if the United States finds a way of enabling Germany to import the necessities of life—necessaries of life, by the way, which will immediately be appropriated to sustain the German armies. This is Germany's conception of "real neutrality." The whole Reply is full of insults and characterised by a wilful distortion of the facts. That Germany, above all nations, should accuse Britain of inhuman methods of warfare is bad enough, in all conscience; but that she should openly accuse neutral nations of acquiescence therein is to add still further to the insult.

"Patient Waiting".

And one would like to know a little about this "patient waiting" which Germany says she has been exercising for six months. Seeing that Britain has only within the past few days put the bin on importation of foodstuffs into Germany, where'd she sit the six months' patient waiting before taking reprisals? As we remarked yesterday, it is little talk of foodstuffs for the civil population, when we know that the German Government has assumed control of all imports of this character. "Sir Edward Grey very deftly puts the position when he says that the distinction between foodstuffs destined for the civilian population and those for armed forces disappears when the distinction between the civil population and the armed forces disappears, as it has done in Germany."

An Armed Nation.

To put it in another way, we are fighting, not the German nation, but an armed German nation, and every ounce of food which finds its way into Germany in these conditions helps our adversaries to keep up their resistance. That is why we deem it our duty, after fair warning, to cut Germany off from all outside sources of supply. Germany well knows what that will mean; she knows that she is not self-supporting; hence her frenzied protests against our adoption of a very effective policy which she herself is debilitated by circumstances from nullifying.

Tokyo Fires.

The number of fires in Tokyo last year is given as 359, the number of houses destroyed being 1,230. The figures for the previous year were 312 and 3,865 respectively.

THE PEAK SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes This Morning.

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Peak School was held this morning at the Peak Hotel, where there was a fairly large attendance of scholars and their parents. Lady May presented the prizes, being supported by the Director of Education, Mr. T. K. Dray, the Bishop of Victoria, and the headmistress, Mrs. Main.

The proceedings opened with an excellent musical programme rendered by the scholars, who sang various items in French and English in a manner which bore eloquent testimony to the care that had been taken in teaching them. The programme was as follows:—Song, "Marie, Marie, qui contrarie," "Mi ron, Mi ron," "Sur l'Horloge vera mi," "La Petite Colette," "La Dame de Coeur," the school; "The Tardy Scholar," Robert Williams; "Hiawatha," Alice Morton; "I come," Annie Miller; "Now we greet you," duet, class; and a duet by Annie Miller and Ellen Stubbs.

Headmistress' Report.

The Director of Education read the headmistress' report, which was as follows:—
The following is the report for the Peak School for the year ending December 31, 1914.

The Peak School was re-opened on January 6 in temporary premises at the Peak Hotel. Eight former pupils of a small private school which had been carried on for some time in the house of a resident of the Peak formed the nucleus around which the present numbers have grown. In all forty-one children have passed through the school, and the year closed with 33 pupils on the roll and thirty in actual attendance. Eleven pupils have left the school; of these, seven have left the Colony, two have removed to Kowloon, one left on account of ill-health, and one child was removed without reasons given.

The Staff.—The staff has consisted of one head and one assistant mistress. In July Miss Skinner arrived from Home to take up her duties as assistant mistress, when Miss Stevenson, who had filled the position temporarily, was transferred to the Belkiss School.

Classification.—With children of such varying ages and with the limited staff of the school, the classification of the pupils has been a somewhat difficult problem. In the Lower School, the assistant mistress arranged the pupils into three separate classes, while in the adjoining class-room children between the ages of seven and 12 were taught by the head mistress.

Work.—The work generally has been of a most elementary character; a modified form of kindergarten was adopted with the young children, while the older classes did the work of the lower reserve classes of an ordinary English school. The subjects taught to the bigger children included Holy Scriptures, reading, writing, number, dictation and composition, written and oral history, geography, drawing and brushwork and needlework for the girls. A special feature of the teaching has been the use of the direct method of teaching French by means of songs, recitations and simple conversations.

Drill.—The need of a suitable open space for physical exercise has been greatly felt. In the case of the boys this has fortunately been partially overcome by the appointment of a scoutmaster to teach drill after school hours twice a week.

Discipline.—On the whole the discipline is now satisfactory, although at the beginning of the year the older boys were a good deal out of hand and were very fond of rough play, which ended frequently in injury to themselves and others. To prevent this it was found necessary to separate the small children from the older boys in their playtime. It is to be regretted that there are so few girls in the school, as their presence has generally the effect of making boys less rough.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

GERMAN EVOLUTION.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—I am afraid that I must have expressed myself very badly in my letter, as "World" has evidently misunderstood me. My contention really differs very little from his, and the attitude which he says my letter is characteristic of, is one which I myself disagree with. I should be the last person in the world to deny the value of Sport where the development of character is concerned, or that Sport is a very valuable asset of the British National culture. But this does not invalidate my contention to the effect that we Britishers undoubtedly do lack the learning and culture which are so essential to the forming of correct judgments on such occasional matters of interest as are not dealt with by the sporting papers; a contention which I consider is supported by the lack of interest shown in, and the ignorance of, matters which lie outside the common round of golf and the daily task in the Office, which is so characteristic of the average Englishman. "World" will remember that I also referred to history, art, and science, as well as philosophy.

Whether philosophy empties or fills the churches is another matter. Perhaps if philosophers were a little less agnostic in their views, and the churches a little more philosophical, this might not be the case; moreover, I have heard this same objection urged with reference to sport. However, "World" will perhaps forgive me for preferring a philosopher to a golfer where either living or dining together is concerned.

Needless to say, I quite agree that learning has a great effect on character, my complaint is that it has very little effect upon the English character. To expand the point that I made in my first letter, a state of benevolent slavery is conducive to great learning, since all outside distractions are done away with, but it is not conducive to the forming of character. Nevertheless character without learning must always be inferior to character with learning. Bureaucracy tends to the former, i.e. benevolent slavery and its results, democracy to the latter, at any rate in England. "World" will also remember that I was careful only to compare Germans with Englishmen on the score of knowledge.

Trusting that I have made myself clearer, and that I may look upon "World" as a collaborator, instead of an opponent.

Yours etc.

HONGKONG, Feb. 19, 1915.

A NUISANCE.

Sir,—A man who commences a letter with two sentences totalling almost 200 words "is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils" and likely to be a greater nuisance than the one he endeavours (with the aid of a dictionary) to ventiliate.

Yours,

M. E. REZOT.

Hongkong, 19th Feb. 1915.

ence has generally the effect of making boys less rough.

Congratulations.

Having presented the prizes, Lady May was presented with a bouquet by little Miss Sheila Tiedall. Lady May expressed pleasure at being present that morning to distribute the prizes and congratulated them upon the success of the school, which was due to the work of Mrs. Main. Next year she hoped to give them their prizes in the big school. The proceedings ended with the singing of England's Battle Hymn.

COMPANY REPORT.

The China Provident Loan Co., Ltd.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the eighteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the office of the General Managers on Friday, 20th February, 1915, at 11.30 o'clock, is as follows:—

Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders a statement of accounts made up to 31st December, 1914.

The gross earnings for the past year amount to \$100,650.22 and there remains a sum of \$88,652.91 at credit of Profit and Loss Account which it is recommended be appropriated as follows, viz:—

To place to Reserve Fund \$1,000.00.
To pay a Dividend of 7 per cent. or 70 cents per share, \$87,500.00.
To carry forward to the credit of next year's account \$159.91.
Consulting Committee.—Mr. H. P. White having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. G. W. Barton was invited to take his place.
In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, G. W. Barton and U. P. on retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. O. D. Gourdin and F. Maitland who are recommended for re-election.
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th February, 1915.

Profit and Loss Account.

Consulting Committee's fees ...	\$3,000.00
Auditors' fees ...	300.00
Charges ...	6,572.19
Donations to Prince of Wales' Fund	1,000.00
Depreciation on Godown furniture for year 1914 ...	153.18
Structural Alterations and Improvements to Godowns ...	19,400.18
Balance ...	88,652.94
	119,687.46
Balance carried forward from last year ...	5,832.76
Interest received, storages, rents &c. ...	160,656.22
Less interest paid, Commissions, &c. ...	47,903.02
	112,753.20
Unclaimed Dividends prior to 1912 forfeited ...	501.50
	\$ 119,087.46

Balance Sheet.

Capital Authorized.—200,000 Shares at \$10 = \$2,000,000.00	
Issued.—125,000 Shares at \$10 each ...	\$1,250,000.00
Reserve Fund ...	69,000.00
Sundry Creditors ...	31,615.94
Balance of Profit and Loss Account	88,652.91
	\$1,430,268.85
Loans on Provident System ...	80,557.98
Loans on Mortgages, shares, &c. ...	584,158.40
	664,716.44
Block of Main Godowns &c. at West Point ...	850,035.86
Less mortgage ...	220,000.00
	630,035.86
Godown Furniture Since expended ...	1,500.00
	53.18
Less Depreciation	1,553.18
	165.18
Investment.—10,000 Shares Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. ...	50,000.00
Proportion of premium on unexpired policies ...	961.77
Sundry Debtors ...	39,800.18
Cash with Company's bankers ...	42,646.85
Cash	

CONSULAR CHANGE.

Resignation of Mr. Leiria.

His many friends in Hongkong will regret to learn that Mr. J. J. Leiria has decided to resign his post as Consul-General for Portugal. Mr. Leiria has held his present position for eight years, previous to which he was Vice-Consul for six years. During his tenure of office he has succeeded in getting through a remarkable amount of hard work and his services have been much appreciated by his Government. He was an energetic mover on the Macao Delimitation work of 1909, and it was at his house that the Commissioners held their deliberations. It will also be remembered that no inconsiderable share of tedious labour fell to his lot at the time of the grounding of the *Admiral*. Mr. Leiria has been a popular figure at the various social and official gatherings in the Colony, and his tact and his unflinching readiness to oblige all who went to him for information or advice have made him well liked in all quarters.

The newly appointed Consul-General is Senor Jose de Obaldia, who is also Consul for Panama and Acting-Consul for Guatemala. He arrived in the Colony last year from Paris, whither he had gone from Panama.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Major D. McDonald state:—

Joined.—The undermentioned having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—No. 1757 Sapper R. Pass to Engineer Company, No. 1758 Private L. Gull to Scouts Company.
Leave.—Sergeant P. F. Lenfesty has been granted leave of absence from 20.2.15 to 28.2.16. Lieut. K. Hall has been granted leave of absence from 28.2.15 to 31.3.15. Sergeant D. S. Cooper has been granted leave of absence from 1.3.15 to 1.3.16.
Alarm Posts.—Members of the Corps are reminded that Volunteers living at the places mentioned below assemble as follows, where they will await further orders:—Peak, at Victoria Gap (on Chamberlain Road outside the Peak Hotel); Victoria, on the road between the Law Courts and the Cricket Ground; Kowloon, outside the Ferry Wharf; Quarry Bay, at the main gate of the Sugar Refinery. The senior at each place will be responsible that the names of all attending are taken and afterwards forwarded to Volunteer Headquarters.
Parades.—Parades for Saturday, 20th instant, nil.
Detail.—Orderly Officer, Lieut. Weall. Orderly Sergeant, Sergeant Bullock. To furnish Guard to-night Right Section M. G. Co.; to-morrow, Scouts Company.
Centre Section M. G. Co.—All exemptions from drill are now withdrawn. Applications for leave of absence are to be sent to the O. C. Centre Section by Hongkong men and to Sergeant Major Duncan by Kowloon men.

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General Managers.

We report that we have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Company and that in our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs at the 31st December, 1914, according to the best of our information, and the explanations given us, and as shown by the books of the Company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have seen all the securities.
A. O. D. GOURDIN, } Auditors.
F. MAITLAND, }
Hongkong, 13th February, 1915.

WAR MUST GO ON.

Distinguished American's Emphatic Views.

Brief summaries of the correspondence which recently passed between Dr. Charles Eliot, President-Emeritus of Harvard, and Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, the wealthy German, of New York, have been published in this country, says the *Globe*. The full text of the letters is now to hand, and we have pleasure in printing the most notable of those written by Dr. Eliot, which explain the views of one of the most distinguished of American men of letters in favour of the Allies.

Mr. Schiff urged the need of American opinion expressing itself "emphatically and insistently in favour of an early peace," and advocated "the stopping of the furnishing of munitions of war to any of the belligerents, as is unfortunately done to so great an extent at present from this country."

Dr. Eliot's attitude is expressed in the following interesting letter to Mr. Schiff:—

Although every thoughtful person must earnestly desire that the waste and destruction of this greatest of wars should be stopped as soon as possible, there is an overpowering feeling that the war should go on until all the combatants, including Germany, have been brought to see that the governmental regime and the state of the public mind in Germany which have made this war possible, are not consistent with the security and well-being of Europe in the future.

Personally, I feel strongly that the war ought to go on so long as Germany persists in its policies of world empire, dynastic rule, autocratic bureaucracy, and the use of force in international dealings. If the war stops before Germany sees that those policies cannot prevail in twentieth-century Europe, the horrible wrongs and evils which we are now witnessing will recur, and all the nations will have to continue the destructive process of competitive armaments. If peace should be made now, before the Allies have arrived at attacking Germany on her own soil, there would result only a truce of moderate length, and then a renewal of the present horrors.

I cannot but think that Europe now has a chance to make a choice between the German ideal of the State and the Anglo-American ideal. These two ideals are very different; and the present conflict shows that they cannot co-exist longer in modern Europe.

In regard to the suggestion which your correspondent made to you that a conference of private persons should now be called in the hope of arriving at an agreed-upon appeal to the combatants to desist from fighting and consider terms of settlement, I cannot but feel (1) that such a conference would have no assured status; (2) that the combatants would not listen; and (3) that the effort would, therefore, be untimely now, though perhaps useful later. One idea might possibly bring about peace, if it fructified in the mind of the German Emperor—the idea, namely, that the chance of Germany's obtaining dominating power in either Europe or the world having already gone, the wise thing for him to do is to save United Germany within her natural boundaries for secure development as a highly civilized, strong nation in the heart of Europe. Surplus population can always emigrate happily in the future as in the past.

The security of Germany would rest, however, on an international agreement to be maintained by an international force; whereas, the example which Germany has just given of the reckless violation of international agreements is extremely discouraging in regard to the possibility of securing the peace of Europe in the future.

Although this war has already made quite impossible the domination of Germany in Europe, or in the world, the leaders of Germany do not yet see or apprehend that impossibility. Hence, many earnest peace-seekers have to confess that they do not see any means whatever available for promoting peace in Europe now, or even procuring a short truce.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

FISH.

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GOING RACING.

Solicitors Want a Blank Week.

At the Summary Court, this morning, His Lordship caused some little embarrassment among the lawyers by a suggestion he made. Local lawyers are constantly asking for dates to be fixed for the hearing of cases, and very often ask for them on days when His Lordship's time is fully occupied with cases previously fixed for the date asked for.

This morning, His Lordship intimated to those at the table that he was prepared to sit on the Race days next week.

This invitation for applications for dates to be fixed fell on very deaf or unwilling ears, as none of those present were anxious to accept the invitation.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club versus the Civil Servants on the Club ground on Saturday 20th February; play will commence at 2 p.m.:—Messrs. R. Hancock (Captain), R. N. Anderson, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Gace, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, T. E. Pearce, H. H. Tayler, and A. N. Other.

I wish I could believe with you that the Governments of England, France, Germany, and Russia would listen to the voice of the American people. They all seem to desire the good opinion and moral support of America; but I see no signs that they would take American advice, or imitate American example. President Wilson seems to think that this country will be accepted as a kind of umpire in this formidable contest; but surely we have no right to any such position. Our example in avoiding aggression on other nations, and in declining to enter the contest for world-power, ought to have some effect in abating European ambitions in that direction; but our exhortations to peace and good will, I fear, will have little influence. There is still a real contest on between democracy and oligarchical methods.

You see, my dear Mr. Schiff, that I regard this war as the result of long-continuing causes which have been gathering force for more than fifty years. In Germany, all the forces of education, finance, commercial development, a pagan philosophy, and Government have been preparing this war since 1880. To stop it now, before these forces have been overwhelmingly defeated, and before the whole German people is convinced that they are defeated, would be to leave humanity exposed to the certain recurrence of the fearful convulsions we are now witnessing. If anybody can show me any signs that the leaders of Germany are convinced that there is to be no world empire for Germany or any other nation, and no despotic Government in Europe, I shall be ready to take part in any effectual advocacy of peace.

THE OPERA.

Last Night's Performance of "Rigoletto."

The performance of "Rigoletto" by the Italian Grand Opera Co. last night was as well attended as on previous occasions. The presentation of this masterpiece of Verdi was one of the triumphs of the company; the singing in this piece being excellent. The rendering of "La donna mobile" was everything to be desired and the quartette in Act three was one of the best numbers of concerted singing that the Company has produced.

Special mention should also be made of the playing by the orchestra of the storm pieces during the last act. With the small section of instruments at his disposal, the conductor did excellent work and gave the spirit of the composition in a manner which must have appealed to the musicians present. The whole performance was one on which the Company can be heartily congratulated.

FIRE!

Whole Building Gutted.

A fire broke out this morning at 180, Des Vœux Road Central, occupied by Wong Sun-ang, and used as tailor premises. The building, which is of four storeys, had the first, second and third storeys occupied, and the fire involved the whole of the structure, which was practically gutted. The origin of the fire and the extent of its damage are at present unknown. The building is insured with Messrs. Humphreys and Co. for \$7,500.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty-Eighth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 4th March, 1915, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February to 4th March inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. S. BROWN,
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Hongkong, 15th February, 1915.

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5.00 p.m. Kinshan.

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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, and Yokohama. **Yokohama Maru** Capt. Komatsu T. 12,500 TUES., 23rd Feb. at noon. **Awa Maru** Capt. Hori T. 12,500 MON., 1st Mar. at noon.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane. **Tango Maru** Capt. Seyeda T. 13,500 TUES., 16th Mar. at 4 p.m. **Nikko Maru** Capt. Takeda T. 9,600 FRI., 9th April at 4 p.m.

CALCUTTA via S'pore, Penang & Rangoon. **Colombo Maru** Capt. Sakamoto T. 12,000 TUES., 23rd Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo. **Rangoon Maru** Capt. Nomura T. 12,500 SUNDAY, 21st Feb.

SHANGHAI, Kobe. **Tosa Maru** Capt. Takano T. 12,000 SATUR., 19th Feb.

S'HAU and Kobe. **Nikko Maru** Capt. Takeda T. 9,600 MON., 15th Mar. at 10 a.m.

NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama. **Suwa Maru** Capt. Mural T. 26,000 TUES., 23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.

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Mishima	16,000 "	" 11th March
Suwa	25,000 "	" 25th March
Atsuta	16,000 "	" 8th April
Yasaka	25,000 "	" 22nd April
Miyasaki	16,000 "	" 6th May
Kitano	16,000 "	" 20th May
Fushima	25,000 "	" 3rd June

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Steamers.	Displacement.	Leave Hongkong.
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Awa	12,500 "	" 9th March
Shidzuoka	12,500 "	" 23rd March
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Aki	12,500 "	" 20th April
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Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	S'HAU 2nd half Mar.
Tjilatjap	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.	JAVA 2nd half Mar.
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Steamer.	Arrive Hongkong from Australia.	Leave Hongkong for Australia.
Aldenhams	20th Feb.	24th Feb. at 11 a.m.
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Steamships.	Captain	Leaving.
Hailching	W. C. Passmore	FRI., 19th Feb. at 1 p.m.
Haitan	J. W. Evans	TUES., 23rd Feb. at 1 p.m.
Haiyang	A. E. Hodgins	FRI., 26th Feb. at 1 p.m.

FOR SWATOW.

Haimun	A. H. Stewart	SUN., 21st Feb. at 10 a.m.
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LOG BOOK.

Boom in British Shipping and Shipbuilding.

London, Dec. 25.—The British shipping industry is now experiencing the greatest boom it has ever known. In the River Plate freight market, the record rate of 82s. 6d. has been paid for very prompt tonnage for oats cargo, and 52s. 6d. for heavy grain. "We have never seen or dreamed of anything like it," said a member of the Baltic in an interview. "The value of millions of tons of British shipping has gone up fully 30 per cent. during the last four months. Freight rates have gone up in value 300 and even 400 per cent. New tramp steamers are being built in frantic haste, and booked as far ahead as 1916. Certain British steamers from South America to European ports, which were barely covering expenses in August, are now clearing 27,000 a voyage. Coal, grain and other merchants are participating in the boom, as also, of course, are hundreds of thousands of British workmen. The causes of this boom are not far to seek. The principal may be summarised thus: (1) the pressure of the British and Allied fleets, which have swept German, Austrian and Hungarian shipping from the seas; (2) the practical taking over, principally by the British Government, of hundreds of ships for transport, coaling and other purposes, and (3) Government insurance against war risks." Shipbuilding yards are working at high pressure. Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast, head the list for the year now closing with the largest output. They have launched at Belfast during the twelve months six vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 158,000, a big advance on the previous record, which was held by the Tyne firm of Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Richardson, which in 1912 had a total output of 121,221 tons. In 1908 the America Shipbuilding Company launched vessels with a total tonnage of 103,535, the highest of any single firm on record, but that total was produced from seven separate yards. From its Clyde yard the firm launched four vessels with a total tonnage of 22,200 and from its yard at Irvine (Ayrshire) one vessel of 4,500 tons, so that the grand total for the year will be 182,700 tons. (N. G. Herald.)

China Coast Gazette.

Mr. J. Mackinnon, supernumerary, Fathson, has gone third engineer, Kuehling.

Mr. D. McQuibbin, from leave, has gone supernumerary third engineer, Hain Peking.

Mr. R. Conias, third engineer, Chusan, has gone third engineer, Shaohsing.

Mr. A. Macdonald, third engineer, Shaohsing, has gone third engineer, Chusan.

Mr. G. Wooley, second engineer, Poyang, has gone chief engineer, Kian.

Mr. D. A. Malcolm, acting chief engineer, Kian, has gone second engineer, Poyang.

Mr. J. E. Runcie, chief engineer, Ichang, has gone chief engineer, Singan.

Mr. F. McIntyre, chief engineer, Singan, has gone supernumerary, Chinua.

Mr. P. A. Maitland, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Luchow.

Mr. W. H. Manwaring, second officer, Anhui, is on reserve.

Mr. J. A. Gibson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Anhui.

Mr. A. Shand, fourth engineer, Kiangshai, has gone third engineer, Kwangtuh.

Mr. H. Hanford has been appointed second officer, Toonan.

Captain A. S. Malcolm, from leave, has gone master, Kiangtung.

Mr. J. Millar, acting master, Kiangtung, has gone chief officer, Hainchang.

Mr. J. H. Smith, chief officer, Hainchang, is awaiting orders.

Captain D. Ross, of the Hainchang, has gone chief officer, Kiangfoo.

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SHANGHAI	Choysang	Tues., 23rd Feb. at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN via Weihaiwei	Cheongshing	Tues., 23rd Feb. at 10 a.m.
SINGAPORE & Penang	Onsang	Wed., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Kobe & Moji	Namsang	Thurs., 25th Feb. at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thurs., 25th Feb. at noon
SINGAPORE, Penang & Cebu	Lalsang	Sat., 27th Feb. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Sat., 27th Feb. at 8 p.m.
YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Moji	Kutsang	Wed., 3rd Mar. at noon

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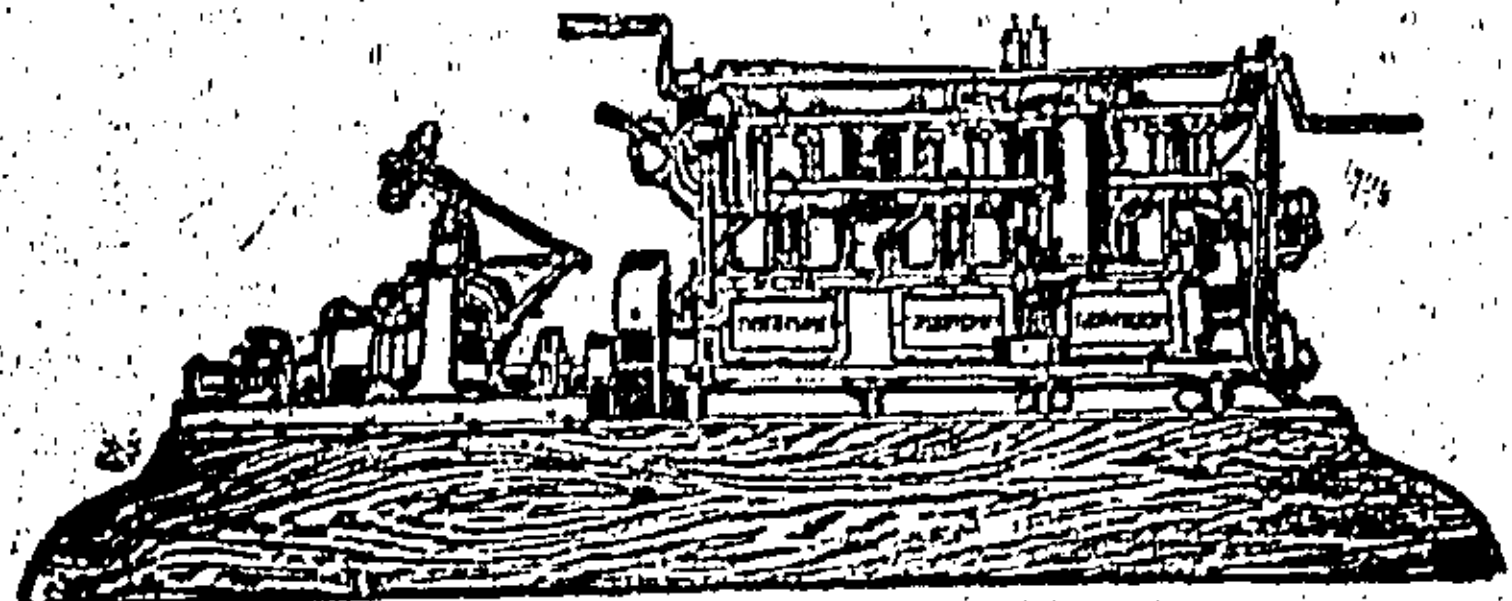
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L'don, S'pore, via P'ang, C'bo, &c.	Namur	P. & O.	31, Mar.

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San F'co via S'hai & Japan &c.	Shiyo M.	T. K. K.	23, Feb.
V'toria, B.C., & S'le via S'hai &c.	Y'hama M.	N. Y. K.	23, Feb.
Vancouver via S'hai & Japan &c.	Monteagle	C. P. R.	24, Feb.
New York via Panama	Royal P.	B. L. L.	24, Feb.
San Francisco and San Pedro	M. S. Dollar	R. D. Co.	1, Mar.
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Porsia	P. M. Co.	2, Mar.
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Ports via Japan	Anyo M.	T. K. K.	10, Mar.
San F'co via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	27, Apr.

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Taiyuan	B. & S.	20, Feb.
Australian Ports	Aldonham	G. L. Co.	24, Feb.
Australian Ports via Manila	Tango M.	N. Y. K.	16, Mar.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

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S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Y'hama	Namur	P. & O.	20, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	20, Feb.
Bombay via S'pore, Port S'ham,			
Penang & Colombo	Hokkai M.	O. S. K.	20, Feb.
Hokkai & Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	20, Feb.
Shanghai & Kobe	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	21, Feb.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	21, Feb.
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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Fooksang	J. M. Co.	23, Feb.
Kobe & Yokohama	Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	23, Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	23, Feb.
Delagoa Bay, D'ban, E. L'don &c.	Gujarat	B. L.	26, Feb.
Shanghai	P. & O.		26, Feb.
S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama	Namur	P. & O.	28, Feb.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	28, Feb.
Singapore, Mauritius & South			
African Ports	Salamis	B. L. L.	End Feb.
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Kutsang	J. M. Co.	3, Mar.
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February 20.

The P. M. s.s. MANCHURIA arrived
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The P. M. s.s. KOREA sailed from
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The Barber Line s.s. ST. EGBERT left
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on the 2nd January and is due to arrive
here about the beginning of March.

The Barber Line s.s. BOLTON CASTLE
for Hongkong via Panama Canal left
New York on the 25th January and is
therefore due to arrive here about the
beginning of April.

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on the 8th inst. and may be expected at
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signature, and to take immediate
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on 18th February at noon will
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expense, and delivery must
then be taken from the Company's
Godown.

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will be effected.
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after the Goods have left the
Steamer or Godown, and all goods
remaining undelivered on the
23rd February, at 5 p.m. will be
subject to rent and landing
charges.

All chafed and otherwise dam-
aged Cargo to be left on board or
in the Godown and examination
of same to be held on 24th Feb.
at 10 a.m.
All Claims must be filed on or
before 2nd March, otherwise
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K. DOI,

Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1915.

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The Steamship

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Wharf at Kowloon, whence
and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the
Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 24th
instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 10th prox.
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Go-
downs, where they will be ex-
amined on the 24th inst. at 9.30
a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1915.

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AMMUNITION POSSESSION.

At the Police Court, to-day, before Mr. J. R. Wood, two Chinese were charged with being in unlawful possession of 300 rounds of rifle ammunition, and a second charge was preferred against the second defendant of being in possession of 50 rounds of ammunition and one old revolver.

On the first charge defendants were each fined \$350, or in default three months' hard labour, and the second defendant, on the additional charge, was fined \$50, or fourteen days.

Child Drowned.

The body of a Chinese girl has been sent to the Public Mortuary. She was three years of age, and fell into the harbour from a boat in Shaukiwan yesterday and was drowned.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—E. Pahaney, \$25; Laurence Gibbs, \$20; D. W. Craddock, \$10; J. Lemm, \$10.

AMBULANCE WORK.

Voluntary Aid Detachment for Hongkong.

It is proposed to form in the Colony a Voluntary Aid Detachment of the St. John Ambulance Association. Large numbers of men and women are enrolled in these Detachments in England, where they are receiving the wounded as they arrive from the Continent, conveying them to Hospitals or Convalescent Homes and there in many cases taking entire charge of them. There are many ladies here who are well qualified by training and experience, and who are willing to give their services if required locally, but help in order to be efficient must be properly organized. The Detachment when formed will be trained and maintained in a state of efficiency by its own officers, and tested by periodical inspection by the Military Authorities. The regulation uniform will be worn.

The officers of a Detachment are:—1. Commandant, 1 Medical Officer, 1 Quartermaster and Hon. Secretary, 1 Pharmacist, 1 Lady Superintendent (preferably a trained nurse), and 20 members (at least).

Lady May has very kindly consented to become Commandant and Dr. Sibree to become Medical Officer. Members must be either registered medical practitioners, pharmacists, trained nurses, or ladies who have obtained the St. John Ambulance Association Certificate in First Aid and Home Nursing. Classes of instruction in these two subjects will be started at once to afford to ladies who wish to qualify an opportunity of doing so.

A meeting was held at Government House at noon yesterday, when Colonel Gordon Hall explained the duties of members. Only those who had qualified were invited to attend this meeting. All those present signified their willingness to join the Detachment, and it was decided to hold classes of instruction at above at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, commencing on Monday, March 1st, at 11 a.m., when Dr. Alice Sibree has kindly consented to commence a course of lectures on Home Nursing.

Ladies who do not hold St. John's Ambulance Certificates and who are anxious to join the Detachment are invited to attend the lectures at the Military Hospital.

BRITISH TRADE FAIR.

Big Event Arranged in London.

The Board of Trade will hold a British Trade Fair at the Agricultural Hall, London, from May 18th to June 1st, of samples of British manufactures, exhibited by manufacturers, limited to toys, fancy goods, earthenware, glass-ware, cutlery, electro-plate, clocks, common jewellery, paper and stationery. Buyers going to the fair should communicate on arrival direct with the Board of Trade, British Industries Fair, 32, Cheapside, London, E.C.

The fair will be conducted on the lines adopted at the Leipzig Exhibition and the object is to place contracts for British manufactures.

THE AMERICAN NOTE.

BRITAIN'S REPLY TO U. S. PROTEST.

Full Text of Sir Edward Grey's Preliminary Reply.

The State Department at Washington and the Foreign Office in London have made public simultaneously the British reply to the American protest against the war-torpedoed American ships and cargoes seized for search of contraband. The answer, signed by Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was addressed to Mr. Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador in London, who carried it to Washington on January 7. The note is preliminary, and will be followed by a more detailed reply.

Foreign Office, 7th January, 1915.

Your Excellency, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 28th December.

It is being carefully examined, and the points raised in it are receiving consideration, as the result of which a reply shall be addressed to your Excellency, dealing in detail with the issues raised and the points to which the United States Government have drawn attention. This consideration and the preparation of the reply will necessarily require some time, and I therefore desire to send without further delay some preliminary observations which will, I trust, help to clear the ground and remove some misconceptions that seem to exist.

Let me say at once that we entirely recognize the most friendly spirit referred to by your Excellency, and that we desire to reply in the same spirit and in the belief that, as your Excellency states, frankness will best serve the continuance of cordial relations between the two countries.

His Majesty's Government cordially concur in the principle enunciated by the Government of the United States, that a belligerent, in dealing with trade between neutrals, should not interfere unless such interference is necessary to protect the belligerent's national safety, and then only to the extent to which this is necessary. We shall endeavour to keep our action within the limits of this principle, on the understanding that it admits our right to interfere when such interference is not with bona fide trade between the United States and another neutral country, but with trade in contraband destined for the enemy's country, and we are ready, whenever our action may unintentionally exceed this principle, to make redress.

We think that much misconception exists as to the extent to which we have, in practice, interfered with trade. Your Excellency's Note seems to hold his Majesty's Government responsible for the present condition of trade with neutral countries, and it is stated that, through the action of his Majesty's Government, the products of the great industries of the United States have been denied long-established markets in European countries which, though neutral, are contiguous to the seat of war. Such a result is far from being the intention of his Majesty's Government, and they would exceedingly regret that it should be due to their action.

State of Trade With Neutrals. I have been unable to obtain complete or conclusive figures

showing what the state of trade with these neutral countries has been recently, and I can therefore only ask that some further consideration should be given to the question whether United States trade with these neutral countries has been so seriously affected. The only figures as to the total volume of trade that I have seen are those for the exports from New York for the month of November, 1914, and they are as follows, compared with the month of November, 1913:—

November, 1913. November, 1914.

Exports from New York for—	1913.	1914.
Denmark	\$ 558,000	\$7,101,000
Sweden	277,000	2,853,000
Norway	477,000	2,318,000
Italy	2,971,000	4,781,000
Holland	4,389,000	3,980,000

It is true that there may have been a falling off in cotton exports, as to which New York figures would be no guide, but his Majesty's Government have been most careful not to interfere with cotton, and its place on the free list has been scrupulously maintained.

We do not wish to lay too much stress upon incomplete statistics; the figures above are not put forward as conclusive, and we are prepared to examine any further evidence with regard to the state of trade with these neutral countries which may point to a different conclusion or show that it is the action of his Majesty's Government in particular, and not the existence of a state of war and consequent diminution of purchasing power and shrinkage of trade which is responsible for adverse effects upon trade with neutral countries.

Copper Increase Suspicious.

Your Excellency's note refers in particular to the detention of copper. The figures taken from official returns for the export of copper from the United States for Italy for the months during which the war has been in progress up to the end of the first three weeks of December are as follows:—

1913: 15,202,000lb. 1914: 36,285,000lb.
Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland are not shown separately for the whole period in the United States returns, but are included in the heading "Other Europe" (that is, Europe other than the United Kingdom, Russia, France, Belgium, Austria, Germany, Holland, and Italy). The corresponding figures under this heading are as follows:—
1913: 7,271,000lb. 1914: 35,347,000lb.

With such figures the presumption is very strong that the bulk of the copper consigned to these countries has recently been intended, not for their own use, but for that of a belligerent who cannot import it direct. It is therefore an imperative necessity for the safety of this country while it is at war that his Majesty's Government should do all in their power to stop such part of this import of copper as is not genuinely destined for neutral countries.

Your Excellency does not quote any particular shipment of copper to Sweden which has been detained. There are, however, four consignments to Sweden at the present time of copper and aluminium which, though definitely consigned to Sweden, are, according to positive evidence in the possession of his Majesty's Government, definitely destined for Germany.

I cannot believe that, with such figures before them, and in such cases as those just mentioned, the Government of the United States would question the propriety of the action of his Majesty's Government in taking suspected cargoes to a Prize Court, and we are convinced that it cannot be in accord with the wish either of the Government or of the people of the United States to strain the international code in favour of private interests so as to prevent Great Britain from taking such legitimate means for this purpose as are in her power.

Seizure of Foodstuffs.

With regard to the seizure of foodstuffs to which your Excellency refers, his Majesty's Government are prepared to admit that foodstuffs should not be detained and put into a Prize Court without presumption that they are intended for the armed forces of the enemy Government. We believe that this rule has been adhered to in practice hitherto; but, if the United States Government have instances to the contrary, we are prepared to examine them, and it is our present intention to adhere to the rule, though we cannot give an unlimited and unconditional undertaking in view of the departure by those against whom we are fighting from hitherto accepted rules of civilization and humanity, and the uncertainty as to the extent to which such rules may be violated by them in future.

Must be Searched in Port.

From the 4th August last to the 3rd January the number of steamships proceeding from the United States for Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Italy has been 773. Of these there are 45 which have had consignments or cargoes placed in the Prize Court, while of the ships themselves only eight have been placed in the Prize Court, and one of these has since been released. It is, however, essential under modern conditions that, where there is real ground for suspecting the presence of contraband, the vessels should be brought into port for examination; in no other way can the right of search be exercised, and but for this practice it would have to be completely abandoned.

Information was received by us that special instructions had been given to ship rubber from the United States under another designation to escape notice, and such cases have occurred in several instances. Only by search in port can such cases, when suspected, be discovered and proved.

The necessity for examination in a port may also be illustrated by a hypothetical instance, connected with cotton, which has not yet occurred. Cotton is not specifically mentioned in your Excellency's note, but I have seen public statements made in the United States that the attitude of his Majesty's Government with regard to cotton has been ambiguous, and thereby responsible for depression in the cotton trade. There has never been any foundation for this allegation. His Majesty's Government have never put cot-

ton on the list of contraband; they have throughout the war kept it on the free list; and, on every occasion when questioned on the point, they have stated their intention of adhering to this practice. But information has reached us that, precisely because we have declared our intention of not interfering with cotton, ships carrying cotton will be specially selected to carry concealed contraband; and we have been warned that copper will be concealed in bales of cotton. Whatever suspicions we have entertained we have not so far made these a ground for detaining any ship carrying cotton; but, should we have information giving us real reason to believe in the case of a particular ship that the bales of cotton concealed copper or other contraband, the only way to prove our case would be to examine and weigh the bales; a process that could be carried out only by bringing the vessel into a port. In such a case, or in any other, if examination justified the action of his Majesty's Government, the case shall be brought before a Prize Court and dealt with in the ordinary way.

Prize Court Liberal.

That the decisions of British Prize Courts hitherto have not been unfavourable to neutrals is evidenced by the decision in the *Miramichi* case. This case, which was decided against the Crown, laid down that the American shipper was to be paid, even when he had sold a cargo c.i.f., and when the risk of loss after the cargo had been shipped did not apply to him at all.

It has further been represented to his Majesty's Government, though this subject is not dealt with in your Excellency's note, that our embargoes on the export of some articles, more especially rubber, have interfered with commercial interests in the United States. It is, of course, difficult for his Majesty's Government to permit the export of rubber from British dominions to the United States at a time when rubber is essential to belligerent countries for carrying on the war, and when a new trade in exporting rubber from the United States in suspiciously large quantities to neutral countries has actually sprung up since the war. It would be impossible to permit the export of rubber from Great Britain unless the right of his Majesty's Government were admitted to submit to a Prize Court cargoes of rubber exported from the United States, which they believed to be destined for an enemy country, and reasonable latitude of action for this purpose were conceded. But his Majesty's Government have now provisionally come to an arrangement with the rubber exporters in Great Britain which will permit of licences being given under proper guarantees for the export of rubber to the United States.

We are confronted with the growing danger that neutral countries contiguous to the enemy will become, on a scale hitherto unprecedented, a base of supplies for the armed forces of our enemies and for materials for manufacturing armament. The trade figures of imports show how strong this tendency is, but we have no complaint to make of the attitude of the Governments of those countries, which, so far as we are aware, have not departed from proper rules of neutrality. We endeavour, in the interest of our own national safety, to prevent this danger by intercepting goods really destined for the enemy, without interfering with those which are bona fide neutral.

Delayed Publication of Manifests.

Since the outbreak of the war the Government of the United States have changed their previous practice, and have prohibited the publication of manifests till thirty days after the departure of vessels from the United States

BUNDLES OF MONEY.

The Coincidence of Two Pieces of Paper.

After getting through the ordinary list in the Summary Court, this morning, the Puisne Judge continued the Criminal Sessions. The first case dealt with was the one in which To Hoi, a fowl dealer, was charged with armed robbery at Yaumatei. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was undefended.

According to the outline of the case given to the jury by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, the robbery took place at 36, Mong-kok village, between the night of the 7th, and the morning of the 8th January. The police received information of the matter on the 8th and arrested the prisoner in Kowloon City. On searching his house a number of rolls of subsidiary coin were found in his cubicle, in a box hidden away. The rolls were made up in a piece of Swedish newspaper. Later the Police found in the house of the complainant in Mong-kok village another piece of Swedish newspaper which corresponded with that in which the money was wrapped. It was afterwards identified at the police station by the complainant, her son and her daughter-in-law. The amount of money taken was \$164, and jewellery and clothing to the value of \$100 were also stolen.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

The Demand for Clothing.

The enormous demand for clothing for the new army must of necessity provide abundance of work for the makers of clothing, boots, shirts, Cardigan jackets, and hosiery. The wholesale trade is working night and day to meet the demand for five and a quarter million service jackets, and an equal number of trousers, while the wholesale shirt-maker has orders for no fewer than 11 million shirts and seven million pairs of woollen drawers.

We had no loans standi for complaining of this change, and did not complain. But the effect of it must be to increase the difficulty of ascertaining the presence of contraband, and to render necessary, in the interest of our national safety, the examination and detention of more ships than would have been the case if the former practice had continued.

Pending a more detailed reply I would conclude by saying that his Majesty's Government do not desire to contest the general principles of international law on which they understand the Note of the United States to be based, and desire to restrict their action solely to interference with contraband destined for the enemy.

His Majesty's Government are prepared, whenever a cargo coming from the United States is detained, to explain the case on which such detention has taken place, and would gladly enter into any arrangement by which mistakes can be avoided, and reparation secured promptly when any injury to the neutral owners of a ship or cargo has been improperly caused, for they are most desirous, in the interest both of the United States and of the other neutral countries, that British action should not interfere with the normal importation and use by the neutral countries of goods from the United States.—I have, etc.

E. GREY.

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" Roast, — Shiu	" 21
" Breast, — Ngau Lam	" 19
" Soup, — Tong Yuk	" 18
" Steak, — Ngau Yuk Pa	" 22
" do., — Sirloin — Ngau Lau	" 33
" Sausages, — Ngau, Cheung	" 28
Bullock's Brains, — No	per set 12
" Tongue, fresh, — Ngau Li	each 60
" corned, — Ham Ngau Li	" 60
" Head, — Ngau Tau	\$1.20
" Heart, — Ngau Sam	lb. 14
" Lump, Salt, — Ngau Kin	" 22
" Feet, — Ngau Keuk	each 12
" Kidneys, — Ngau Yiu	" 12
" Tail, — Ngau Mei	" 20
" Liver, — Ngau Kon	lb. 13
" Tripe (undressed), — Ngau To	" 8
Calves' Head & Feet, — Ngau-tai-tau-keuk	set \$1.20
Mutton Chop, — Yeung Poi Kwat	lb. 25
" Leg, — Yeung Poi	" 25
" Shoulder, — Yeung Shau	" 24
" Saddle	" 27
Pigs Chitlings, — Chu Chong	" 27
" Brains, — Chu No	per set 24
" Feet, — Chu Keuk	lb. 14
" Fry, — Chu Chap	" 16
" Head, — Chu Tau	each 12
" Heart, — Chu Sam	" 18
" Kidney, — Chu Yiu	lb. 30
" Liver, — Chu Kon	" 26
Pork, Chop, — Chu Pai Kwat	" 30
" Corned, — Ham Chu Yuk	" 20
" Leg, — Chu Pei	" 20
" Fat or Lard, — Chu Yan	set 60
Sheep's Head and Feet, — Yeung Tau Keuk	each 8
" Heart, — Yeung Sam	" 12
" Kidneys, — Yeung Yiu	lb. 27
" Liver, — Yeung Kon	" 22
Sucking Pigs to order, — Chu Tsai	" 22
Suet, Beef, — Shang Ngau Yau	" 27
" Mutton, — Shang Yeung Yau	" 19
" Veal, — Ngau Tsai Yuk	" 20
" Sausages, — Ngau Tsai Cheung	" 22
" Lard, — Chu Yau	" 22

POULTRY.

Chicken, — Kai Tsai	lb. 30
Capon, Large, Small, — Sin Kai	" 30
Ducks, — Ap	" 24
Doves, — Pan Kan	" 18
Eggs, Hen, — Kai Tau (cooking)	per doz 24
Fowls, Canton, — Kai	lb. 34
" Hainan, — Hoi Nam Kai	" 28
Geese, — Ngo	" 24
Pigeons, Canton, — Pak Kap	each 20
" Hoibow, — Hoi How Pak Kap	" 25
Snipe, — Sha Tsai	each 23
Turkeys, Cook, — Fo Kai Kung	lb. 65
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Herrings, — Tao Pak	" 23
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Loach, — Wu Yu	" 26
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Parrot Fish, — Kai Kung Yu	" 12
Perch, — Tau Lo	" 24
Pike, — Fa Pan Fong	" 18
Plaice, — Pan Yu	" 14
Pomfret, Black, — Hak Chong	" 28
Pomfret, White, — Pak Chong	" 32
Prawns, — Ming Ha	" 40
Ray, — Pai Pa Sha	" 12
Rock Fish, — Shek Kiu Kung	" 18
Roach, — Chun Yu	" 12
Salmon, — Ma Yu	" 35
Shark, — Sha Yu	" 8
Skate, — Po Yu	" 10
Shrimps, — Ha	" 24
Snapper, — Lap Yu	" 32
Soles, — Tai Sha Yu	" 32
Tench, — Wan Yu	" 20
Turbot, — Cho How Yu	" 20
Turtles, small, fresh water, — Kouk Yu	" 64

FRUITS.

Almonds, — Hang Yan	lb. 35
Apples (California), — Kam Shan Ping Kho	" 18
" (Chefoo), — Tin Chun Ping Kho	" 18
" Small, — Hoi Tong	" 18
Bananas, fragrant, Canton, — San Shing Heng Chin	lb. 18
" (brides), — Macao, — San Heng Chin	" 8
Chestnuts, Chinese, — Fong Lut	" 18

肉食

Caramails, — Yeung To	0
Coconuts, — Ye. Tse	each 12
Grapes, — Po Tai Tse	lb. 30
Lemons, China, — Ling Mung	" 6
" America, — Kam Shan Liang Mung	" 10
Lichees Dried, — Lai Chi, small Stone	" 30
" Fresh	" 10
Oranges, (Canton), — Shan-shang Tim Ching	lb. 10
" Sweet	" 10
Pears, (American), — Kam San Shoot Lay	" 10
" (Canton), Cooked, — Sha Li	" 10
Peanuts, — Fa Shang	" 10
Persimmons Large, — Hung Tse	" 8
Pine-apples, 1st quality, — Pun Ti Po Lo	each 10
" 2nd, — Chung-tang Po Lo	" 10
Plantain, — Tai Chiu	lb. 8
Plums, — Swatow, Hung Lai	" 15
Pumelo, Siam, — Chim Lo Yau	each 15
" Shanghai, — Lo Kwat	" 15
Walnuts, — Hop To	lb. 15
" Green, — Sang Hop Tuo	" 15
Water Melon, — (Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa	each 15

VEGETABLES, &c.

Artichokes, Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Ah Chi	lb. 10
" Cheuk	" 10
Beans, (French), Macao, — Oh Moon Pin Tau	" 10
" (French) Shanghai, — Sheung Hai Pin	" 10
" Sprout, — Ah Choi	" 8
" Long, — Tau Kok	" 10
Beet Root, — Hung Choi Tau	each 8
Bitter Squash, — Fu Kwa	" 8
Briajals, Green, — Ching Yuan Kwa	" 8
" Red, — Hung Ke	" 6
Cabbage, Chinese, (common), — Kai Tsai	" 10
Cabbage, Shanghai, — Ye Tsai	" 14
Cane Shoots, bunch, — Kan Shun	lb. 8
Carrots, — Kam Shun	" 12
Celery, Chinese, — Tong Kan Tsai	" 12
Chillies Dried, — Kon Lap Chiu	" 30
" Red, — Hang Fa Chiu	" 18
" Green, — Ching Lap Chiu	" 12
Curry Stuff, English, — Ka Li Chiu Liu	" 10
Cucumbers, — Ching Kwa	each 2
Garlic, — Sun Tau	lb. 8
Ginger, young, — Sun Tse Keung	" 6
" old, — Lo Keung	" 8
Horse Radish, Shanghai, — Lik Kan	" 15
Indian Corn, — Suk Mai	each 5
Lettuce, — Yeung Shang Tsai	" 1
Water Chestnuts, — Ma Tai	lb. 6
" Mandarin, — Kwai Lam Ma Tai	" 8
Mushrooms, Fresh, — Shang Cho Ko	" 35
Musk Melon, Amer. — Kam-san Hong Kwa	each 12
Okroos	lb. 12
Onions Bombay, — Yeung Chong Tau	" 8
" Green, — Shang Chong	" 6
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	" 6
Parsley, — Kun Tai	lb. 8
Green Peas, — Ching Tau	lb. 10
Potatoes, Sweet, — Fan Shu	" 3
" Shanghai, — Sheung-hoi Shu Tau	" 1
" Japan, — Yat Pan Shu Tsai	" 3
" American, — Fa Ki Shu Tsai	" 8
Poochow, — Foo-chow Shu Tsai	" 1
Pumpkin, — Tong Kwa	" 5
Radish, — Hung Lo Pak Tsai	" 5
Rhubarb (Fresh), — Tai Wong	" 12
Sage, — Tse So	" 8
Shallots, — Kon Chong Tau	" 8
Spinach, — Yin Tsai	" 5
Tomatoes, — Fan Ke	" 8
Taro, — Wu Tau	" 6
Turnip, — Punt, (Long), — Lo Pak	" 5
" English, — Yeung Lo Pak	" 1
Vegetable Marrow, — Chit	" 4
" (American), — K	" 4
Water Cress, — Sai Yeung Tsai	" 15
" Lily root, — Lin Ngau	" 6
Yams, — Fa Shu	" 6
" English, — Yeung Kan Choi	" 6
" Tan	" 6

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Commercial.

Need of a British Bank in Bulgaria.

Discussing the trading position in Bulgaria and the means whereby British trade in that country could be increased, our Vice-Consul at Roustchouk points out that the creation of an Anglo-Bulgarian Bank is a matter of vital importance. The Germans, he says, when opening up new markets, have made it their first care to establish their local banking institution, such an organization being of great value, not only from a financial point of view, but also from the information it is able to give to its countrymen. In this connection it may be explained that British exporters have not been able since the commencement of the war to receive money due to them on account of the Bulgarian merchants being unable to make remittances. German merchants, on the other hand, are able to secure their payments because the Bulgarian branch of the "Handels-ge-sellschaft" of Berlin, on receipt of the money from the local buyer notifies the fact to the "Handels-ge-sellschaft," which thereupon makes a settlement. The Vice-Consul, according to the *Board of Trade Journal*, therefore strongly recommends the organization of such a banking institution in Bulgaria with a view to extending business relations, and he is willing to supply British capitalists with any further information on the subject that he can obtain.

Yangtze Cotton Mill.

The Statutory meeting of shareholders of the Yangtze Cotton Mill, Ltd., was held last week at the Shanghai offices of the General Managers (Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.) in compliance with the Companies' Ordinances of Hongkong. There were present: Messrs. C. E. Anton (presiding), R. M. Dalziel, W. Ling-shu and Pan Ching-poo (members of the Consulting Committee), E. S. Moberly Bell (Legal advisor), J. J. Dunne, C. L. Maxwell, G. P. Foster, and A. Brooke Smith (secretary). The attendance represented 52,480 shares. The Chairman said:—This meeting of shareholders is a formal one and has been called in order to comply with the Companies Ordinance of Hongkong under which this Company is registered. A Statutory Report, which has been in your hands for some days, affords you all the necessary information regarding the shares issued, the receipts of the Company on account of its capital and the payments made thereon up to the 31st of last month and there is also shown a statement of the assets of the Yangtze Cotton Mill acquired from Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., indicating what part thereof had been realised between the date of the incorporation of the Company and January 31. A list of shareholders as on the 11th instant is on the table and is open to your inspection. I may mention in this connection that so far no shares have been allotted to shareholders of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Ltd., but the matter is engaging the attention of the liquidator of that concern and we expect to receive instructions from him at an early date. At present it is not proposed to make a call on the ordinary shares issued to the public and it is possible we may find it is not necessary to do so until the beginning of our second financial year. I am pleased to be in a position to report that the result of the first two months of the Company's working is quite satisfactory. The erection of the machinery from Hongkong is proceeding apace and in the course of a few days we expect to have some 20,000 spindles in all running. The remainder of the machinery will be shipped from Hongkong, beginning next month and onwards. Your General Managers have had under consideration the desirability of installing a Weaving Plant of 300 looms and the proposal has met with the approval of the Consulting Committee. Accordingly we are now enquiring with regard to prices for the supply of the plant which will also, of course, require further expenditure for building accommodation.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	1914. Highest	1914. Lowest	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$810	12,000	\$125	all	855 July	700 Oct	810	\$2.3/- at ex 1/10% equal to \$22.80 for 1/4 year ending 30/6/14
Marine Insurance.								
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	350	10,000	\$50	50	350 Dec	305 Oct	350	Final of \$3 a/c 1912: Interim of \$18 a/c 1913.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	160	10,000	£15	5	145 May	133 Jan	160	Final of 10 p.c. making 20 p.c. for 1912
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$825	2,400	\$250	100	847 1/2 April	700 Oct	\$825	Final of \$20 making \$50 for 1912 and Interim of \$30 for 1913
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$325	12,000	\$100	60	20 April	192 1/2 Jan	225	Final of \$12 mak. \$15 for 1912 & Int. of \$3 for 1913
Fire Insurance.								
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$150	20,000	\$100	20	160 July	140 Oct	150	\$10 for 1912
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$395	8,000	\$250	50	315 Feb	368 April	395	\$27 for 1912
Shipwreck.								
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$6	30,000	\$25	all	10 Jan	51 1/2 Dec	6	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$29	20,000	\$50	all	36 Mar	27 1/2 Nov	29	\$3 for year ending 30/6/14
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$12	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2 Jan	23 Dec	20	Final of 19 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31/12/14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$66	60,000	£5	all	79 Jan	59 Sept	66	Final of 3% making 6% on preferred shares & 5% on deferred shares for year 1913
Shanghai Port & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$5/-	3,707,610	£1	all	106/- Feb	70/- Sept	85/-	Interim of 1/- a/c 1915 O.N. 23
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$37	40,000	\$10	all	49 Mar	40 Nov	37	\$1.70 per share and bonus of 30 cents per share for year ending 30/4/14
Refineries.								
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$108	20,000	\$100	all	86 1/2 Feb	70 Nov	110	\$3 for 1912
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$19	7,000	\$100	all	31 Jan	17 Dec	15	\$3 for 1897
Mining.								
Kailash Mining Adm'n. Co., Ltd.	\$32	1,000,000	£1	all	41/- Feb	33 1/2 Dec	32/-	Final of 5% Coupon No. 4 making 10% for year ending 30/6/14
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$3 1/2	200,000	£1	all	310 Jan	190 Nov	3 1/2	1/2 for 1909
Tromch Mines Ltd.	\$25 1/2	160,000	£1	all	39/- Feb	19 1/2 Nov	25 1/2	1/- mak. 7/6 a/c 1913
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
Hongkong & K.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$69	60,000	\$50	all	89 Jan	73 Nov	69	\$3.50 for year 1913
H'kong & W'pon D Co., Ltd.	\$57	50,000	\$50	all	77 Jan	53 Oct	57	\$3 dividend for year 1913
Shai Dock & Eng'g Co., Ltd.	\$51	55,700	£100	all	60 July	50 Dec	51	Tls 5 for 1913
Shai & H'k'w W. Co., Ltd.	\$91	66,000	£100	all	109 Jan	82 1/2 Dec	91	Interim of Tls 3 for 1913
Land, Hotels and Buildings.								
Anglo French Lands	\$94	25,000	£100	all	128 July	120 Dec	124	Tls 6 on 29.2.10
H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$124	12,000	\$50	25	128 July	120 Dec	124	\$3.50 for half year ending 30/6/14
H'kong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	\$110	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2 July	98 Nov	110	\$3 1/2 for year ending 31/12/14
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$7	150,000	\$10	all	9 1/2 Jan	7 Nov	7 1/2	50 cents for 1913
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$41	60,000	\$50	all	45 1/2 Jan	44 Feb	41	\$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	\$101	78,000	£50	all	98 Dec	89 Oct	101	Interim of 5 p.c. for year ending 30.6.13
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$68 1/2	12,500	\$50	all	73 June	66 Feb	68 1/2	\$2.25 for half year ending 31.12.14
H'kong Central Estates	\$95	10,000	\$100	all	95		95	\$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.								
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	\$131	20,000	£50	all	138 July	125 May	131	Tls 12 for year ending 31/10/14
Hongkong Cotton Co.	\$6.10	125,000	\$10	all	8 1/2 Mar	7 June	6.10	50 cents for 31/7/08
Kung Yik	\$134	75,000	£10	all	14 1/2 Jan	11 Mar	11 1/2	Tls 1.20 for year ending 30/11/14
Laou Kung Mow	\$75	8,000	£100	all	110 Feb	70 May	75	Tls 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	\$84 1/2	4,000	£50	all	135 Feb	70 Nov	84 1/2	Tls 10 for year ending 30/6/13
Miscellaneous.								
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	\$11	60,000	\$10	all	12 May	10 Dec	11	\$1.20 for 1913
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$4	50,000	\$5	all	4.90 July	4 April	4	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)		200,000	\$10	all	9 Jan	7 Nov	8	70 cts. for 1913
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$8	40,000	\$7 1/2	all	39 June	35 Aug	35	\$1.50 for year ending 31/7/14
Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	\$35	400,000	\$10	all	6.90 Jan	5 Dec	5 1/2	40 cts. for 1911
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$3 1/2	90,000	\$10	all	49 Jan	36 Nov	41	\$1.81 per share for 1913
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$41	5,000	\$25	all	217 1/2 July	174 Dec	190	Interim of \$2 1/2 a/c 1914
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.	\$190	60,000	\$10	all	25 June	22 Apr	25	\$2 for 93
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$25	325,000	\$10	all	13 1/2 July	7 Feb	5.10	Final div. of 6d. making 7 1/2 p.c. for 1913
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	\$5.05	250,000	\$10	all	64 1/2 Mar	28 Dec	40	Interim of T. 1 making T. 2 a/c 1913
Langkats	\$140	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2 Jan	9 1/2 June	10	80 cts. on fully paid shares and 8 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.14
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$10	25,000	\$10	all	93 cts. Jan	75 cts. Dec	\$1	None
Do (New)	\$1	75,000	\$10	all	10		5	\$1.50 for 1910.
Philippines Ltd.	\$5	13,200	\$50	all			20	None
H. Price & Co., Ltd.	\$6	20,000	\$5	all	5.00 June	4 Nov	4	35 cts. for year ending 31/5/14
Societates Pulres et Papier-teries du Tonkin	\$20	50,000	\$10	all	22 1/2 Feb	17 Jan	17	\$1.00 per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	\$4	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2 April	6.90 Dec	7	70 cts. for 1913
Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$17	2,100	\$7	all	9 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 Dec	6 1/2	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
Watson and Co., Ltd.	\$7	2,100	\$7	all	9 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 Dec	6 1/2	\$1. Interim a/c year 31.3.14
William Powell, Limited	\$6 1/2	2,100	\$7	all	9 1/2 Jan	6 1/2 Dec	6 1/2	
S. C. Morning Post	\$29	2,100	\$25	all	730 June	92 Dec	29	

WRIGHT & HORNBY.

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CORRECTED TO NOON FEB. 19, 1915.

THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

February 20th.

Selling	
T/T	1/1 1/4
Demand	1 1/2 3/16
30 d/s	1/9 1/4
60 d/s	1/9 5/16
4 m/s	1/9 1/2
T/T Shanghai	78
Private 30 d/s sight	
T/T Singapore	75 1/2
T/T Japan	87
T/T India	15 1/2

Demand India	132 1/2
T/T Bombay	132 1/2
Demand Bombay	132 1/2
T/T Calcutta	132 1/2
Demand Calcutta	132 1/2
Demand Manila	87 1/2
T/T San Francisco & N.Y.	42 1/2
Demand New York	42 5/8
T/T Java	107
T/T Marks	New
Demand Germany	New

T/T France	22 1/2
Demand Paris	22 1/2
On Haiphong	6 1/2 p.m.
On Saigon	6 1/2
On Bangkok	37 1/2
Buying	
4 m/s L/O	18 1/2
4 m/s D/P	110
6 m/s L/C	110 1/4
30 d/s New York	110 1/4
30 d/s San Francisco	110 1/4
4 m/s Marks	22 1/2
4 m/s France	22 1/2

6 m/s de	237
Gold Leaf postal	\$37.90
Sovereign	\$11.10
Bar Silver ready	
forward	
SUBSIDIARY COINS.	
Discount per \$100:	
Chinese	20 cts. pieces \$21.7/16
Chinese	10 cts. pieces \$21.7/16
Hongkong	20 cts. pieces \$15 1/4
Hongkong	10 cts. pieces \$17 1/4

BANKS

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE: 60, Wall Street, New York.

LONDON OFFICE: 36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BOMBAY, LONDON, CALCUTTA, MANILA, CANTON, PANAMA, CEBU, PEKING, (OLON), SAN FRANCISCO, HANKOW, SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, YOKOHAMA.

CAPITAL PAID-UP, \$3,250,000.

RESERVE FUNDS, \$4,060,000.

(U.S. Gold) \$7,310,000.

All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd Oct. 1914.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000.

Paid-up Capital Yen 30,000,000.

Reserve Fund Yen 19,250,000.

Head Office, YOKOHAMA.

Branches: Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest Allowed on Current Accounts.

Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

EINSHI ONO, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1914.

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THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...\$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rates and Particulars on application).

The Office of TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILL, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co. General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1908.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO. LTD.

WEEK DAYS.

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BURIED IN THEIR
TRENCHES.Heavy German Reverses
Near Ypres.

Paris, Jan. 8.
A further despatch from the French Eye-Witness, covering the period from December 25 to January 4, states that the period, in spite of the terrible condition of the ground and of bad weather, was marked by three important engagements, resulting in successes—the capture of "St. Georges," the development of our gains in the region of Perthes, and the capture of Steinbach.

"Over the entire extent of our front our aggressive activity has not ceased to be evidenced by gains. At certain points the enemy showed little resistance; at others the made violent counter-attacks, but was everywhere repulsed. At no part did the enemy obtain results even distantly comparable to those which we gained during the eleven days.

"The capture of St. Georges was the most important event since December 25. On account of the state of the ground, the success of the enterprise appeared doubtful, but it was completed. The honour of the capture belongs to the Marine Fusiliers, the Cyclist Chasseurs, and a detachment of Dragons. When the last German Marines surrendered—they numbered only 40—300 bodies were found in the ruins. The enemy attempted a violent resumption of the offensive on December 30; firing 4,000 shells upon St. Georges without result, for he was repulsed.

"At Ypres, despite the condition of the ground, we made appreciable progress. In the environs of Ypres we blew up a small fort occupied by two companies of 70 men, with three mitrailleuses and two field guns. Half of the defenders were buried under the ruins, and the others fled. Near the farm of Eykhof we blew up a trench with machine-guns, burying the defenders. On nearly the whole of the front undated trenches filled with bodies were seen by our patrols.

"North of Ypres the condition of the terrain was dreadful. The men engaged in the trenches were almost incapable of leaving them and several fresh men were sometimes needed to free them. Nevertheless, the soldiers multiply the proofs of their endurance, ingenuity and devotion.

"The Belgian army defended firmly, in spite of a lively cannonade, the bridge head which they had established to the south of Dixmude, and during the week effected an important advance. A section of the Belgian Mitralleuse Corps distinguished itself in the capture of St. Georges.

"In the region of Arras, particularly in the neighbourhood of Carency, there was fighting. We took 800 metres of German trenches. Progress was also made at Loos, Vermelles and St. Laurent. Infantry attacks were rare, but on the other hand there was great activity among the artillery. The Franco-British co-operation was intimate and constant, as was evidenced by a letter signed by the General Commanding a British Army.

"To the east and south-east of Amiens, in the region of Albert

DIARY OF WAR.

(Continued from back of Page 8).

Jan. 22.—Announced that Allies have made good general progress in past three days, despite severe German attacks. British naval seaplanes drop bombs on German submarines and guns at Zeebrugge.

Jan. 23.—Announced that Germans attempted to pierce British line at St. Omor, advancing in massed formation, but were repulsed with heavy losses. Dutch fishermen report having seen a Zeppelin founder at sea.

Jan. 24.—Russians continue to rout Turks. German naval raid on English coast intercepted; German cruiser Blücher sunk and two battle-cruisers seriously damaged; no British ships lost.

U.S. Senate Adds to Funds for
Army.

Washington, February 12.—The army appropriation passed by the senate to-day exceeds the appropriation made by the house by \$3,748,138. The appropriation passed by the senate amounts to \$204,857,750.

and Royce, the period was unmarked by actions of great extent. In the valley of the Aisne there were almost exclusively artillery engagements, often resulting brilliantly for us. In the region of Rheims-Verdun all operations during the period emphasise the extent of an indisputable check to the Germans. Our successes were especially marked in the region of Perthes, and in the Argonne results less important were obtained, but the violent attacks of the enemy were in vain.

"In the region of Verdun and the heights of the Meuse our gains have been appreciable. The enemy often made counter-attacks and was invariably repulsed, sustaining serious losses between the Meuse and Moselle, and in the Vosges.

"The despatch gives further details of the capture of Steinbach, showing the importance of the check to the Germans, and concludes by furnishing accounts of the activity of the French airman.

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British Postal Orders are now on sale at the Sai Yung Poon Branch Post Office.

The Mexico Mail, with the American Mailer Paris, is scheduled to arrive here to-morrow.

The Shidzuoka M., with the mail from London (via Siberia) of Thursday, the 21st ult. is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 21st inst.

The Awa Maru, with the American Mailer Korea, is scheduled to arrive here on Sunday, the 28th inst.

MAILS DUE.

American, Mexico Maru, 20th inst.
Siberian, Shidzuoka M., 21st inst.
American, Awa Maru, 28th inst.

MAILS CLOSE TO-MORROW.

Haiphong—Per SINGAN, 20th inst. 8 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon & Bombay—Per HOKKAI MARU, 20th inst. 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok—Per DRUFAR, 20th inst. 10 a.m.
San Francisco—Per SEQUOYA, 20th inst. 10 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per TITAN, 20th inst. 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Thursday, the 25th Feb.)

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Nagasaki—Per LENNOX, 20th inst. 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per AGAMEMNON, 20th inst. 11 a.m.

Philippine Is.—Per YUENSANG, 20th inst. 2 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA MARU, 20th inst. 2 p.m.

Saigon—Per DEVAWONGSE, 20th inst. 3 p.m.

Tientsin—CHEONGSHING, 20th inst. 4 p.m.

Holhow & Haiphong—Per KALPONG, 20th inst. 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, 21st Feb.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui—Per DALIN M., 21st inst. 9 a.m.

Haiphong—Per TAKSANG, 21st inst. 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 21st Feb. 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia) Per LIANGCHOW, 21st Feb. 9 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway, Shanghai Br. P. O. Thursday, 25th inst.)

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Agummon, Br. s.s. 7,644, Hazeland, 18th inst.—Singapore, 18th inst. Gen.—B. & S.
Isahin Maru, Jap. s.s. 921, R. Minokawa, 18th inst.—Amoy, 17th inst. Gen.—Chinese.
Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,032, Y. Yamamoto, 18th inst.—Swatow, 18th inst. Gen.—O. S. K.
Shongking, Br. s.s. 1,943, Wm. McIntosh, 18th inst.—Swatow, 17th inst. Gen.—B. & S.
Zafiro, Am. s.s. 2,781, N. T. Ventorini, 18th inst.—Saigon, 14th inst. Rice—S. T. & Co.
Aldenham, Br. s.s. 2,376, G. L. Smith, 18th inst.—Mojil, 14th inst. Gen.—G. L. & Co.

DEPARTED.

February 18.

Hongkong, for Haiphong via Holhow O. of Durham for London via Koolchong
Hainan for Swatow
Kwongkong for Shanghai
Chinkua for Manila
Lycaon for London via Singapore
Soshu Maru for Amoy via Swatow
Liangchow for Canton
Pamoa Maru No. 1 for Canton
Miyu Maru for Canton

CLEARANCES AT THE
HARBOUR OFFICE.

February 18.

Vaig for Haiphong via Haiphong

February 19.

Saikai for Kwang-chow-wan
Chongwa for Kwang-chow-wan
Antiochus for London via Manila
Huanan for Bangkok
Yaching for Yokohama
Hokkai Maru for Bombay via Singapore

Swatow, Amoy & Poochow—Per KALJO MARU, 21st Feb. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 22nd Feb.

Singapore, Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang & Sourabaya—Per HOKUTO M., 22nd inst. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria B. C. and Tacoma (Europe via Siberia)—Per SEATTLE MARU, 22nd inst. 1 p.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Thursday, 25th Feb.)

Wei-hai-wai & Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 22nd inst. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 23rd Feb.

Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Moji—Per YOKOHAMA M., 23rd Feb. 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, S. America & Canada via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per SHINYO M., 23rd inst. 11 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Friday, 26th inst.)

Philippine Is.—Per SUNGIANG, 23rd Feb. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.

Swatow—Per HAIMUN, 24th inst. noon.
Philippine Is., Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per ALDENHAM, 24th inst. 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, United States, S. America, Victoria, B.C. & U. Kingdom via Canada (Europe via Siberia)—Per MONTEAGLE, 24th inst. 1 a.m.

(Tientsin-Pukow Railway Shanghai Br. P. O. Monday, the 1st March.)

FRIDAY, 26th Feb.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe Late Letters 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Extra Postage 10 cents)

Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail. The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday the 25th inst. at 5 p.m.—Per MALTA, 26th inst. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Poochow—Per HAIMYNG, 26th inst. 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, 27th Feb.

Saigon Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per VILLE DE LA CIOTAT, 27th inst. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2nd March.

Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 2nd Mar. 3 p.m.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 19th at 11.30—The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over China.

Depressions lie over S. Manchuria and to the north of the Bonins.

Pressure has decreased considerably over N.E. China, and increased markedly from the Yangtze Valley to the south coast. It has increased slightly over Annam and the Philippines.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood	N.E. winds, fresh; drizzle.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamscocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

19th Feb. a.m.

China Coast Meteorological Register.							
19th Feb., a.m.							
Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds.	Force.	Weather.
Wentook	7a	29.98	27	51	sw	0	o
Nemuro	6a	30.24					2
Hakodate		30.05					2
Tokio		30.01					1
Kochi		30.03					1
Nagasaki		30.00					1
Kyushu		30.00			nw	1	5
Oshima		30.02			n	4	5
Naha		30.05			n	5	5
Ishijima		30.09			nw	3	1
Bonin Is.		29.13			sw	1	
Chetoo		30.05	34	69	sw	5	bn
Whalwai							
Hankow							
Ichang							
Kiukiang							
Changsha							
Shanghai		30.21	34	97	w	1	bf
Gutzlaff		30.23	39	nw	4	z	
Sharp P.	7a	30.24	48	82	one	4	o
Amoy	6a	30.19	52	93	one	3	o
Swatow		30.14	55	74	n	2	b
Taihouku	5a	30.18	52	98	o	2	b
Talohu		30.12	54	n	2	r	
Taiwan		30.07	54	n	2	b	
Kashun		30.02	64	n	2	b	
Pédroas		30.11	57	nne	6	r	
Canton		30.29	45	84	n	2	b
H'kong		30.22	51	64	n	1	b
Gay Peak		30.20			nne	5	o
Macao		30.14	57	94	m	1	b
Wuchow							
Pakhoi	9a						
Holhow							
Phullee	6a	30.20	57	78	no	4	o
Tourane		30.05	68	nw	6	o	
C. St. J.		29.89	75	one	6	b	
Appari		29.93	78	85	one	0	e
Dagupan		29.93	70	96	w	1	b
Manila		29.94	72	99	n	2	b
Legaspi		29.93	79	86	nw	1	o
Tacloban		30.01	82	81	w	4	o
Iloilo	9a	29.95	69	97	o	2	b
Surigao		29.94	72	98	nw	2	b

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 19.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation. The Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufore Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, o detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, s squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

° Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
at 5 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 5 p.m.	at 6 a.m.
Barometer	30.13	30.22	30.19
Temperature	60	51	60
Humidity	82	64	58
Wind Direction	NNE	N	W
Force	2	1	2
Weather	o	b	h
Rain			
Highest open air temperature on the 18th	60		
Lowest	50		
H.K. Observatory, 19th February.			
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.			

TIDE TABLE.

17th Feb. to 23rd Feb. 19 5.

17th Feb. to 23rd Feb, 1950.									
Day	Date	High Water at 5 p.m.	High Water Mean Time.	Water at 6 a.m.	Water at 7 a.m.	Low Water Mean Time.			
						at 5 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 7 a.m.	at 8 a.m.
Wed.	17	11	18	4.9	5	5	5	5	5
Thurs.	18	12	19	5.1	5	5	5	5	5
Fri.	19	13	20	5.3	5	5	5	5	5
Sat.	20	14	21	5.5	5	5	5	5	5
Sun.	21	15	22	5.7	5	5	5	5	5
Mon.	22	16	23	5.9	5	5	5	5	5
Tues.	23	17	24	6.1	5	5	5	5	5

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SHANGHAI MOJI, KOBE AND YOKO- HAMA	Namur Capt. A. Cellyer	about 28th Feb.	Freight & Passage
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